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FEARS OF ISRAEL-LEBANON WAR AS 12 KILLED IN ISRAEL-HELD GOLAN

Israel on Sunday vowed to 'hit the enemy hard' after rocket fire from Lebanon killed 12 youngsters in Israeli-annexed Golan Heights

'HEZBOLLAH HAS CROSSED ALL RED LINES'

A rocket strike Saturday at a football field killed at least 12 children and teens, Israeli authorities said. Israel blamed Hezbollah for the strike, but the Lebanese group said it has nothing to do with the attacks. "There is no doubt Hezbollah has crossed all the red lines here, and the response will reflect that," Israel Foreign Minister Israel Katz told Israeli media | P9

CALL FOR CALM AS ISRAEL STRIKES LEBANON

- Israel's military said on Sunday it had hit Hezbollah targets "both deep inside Lebanese territory and in southern Lebanon"
- Iran warned Israel of "unforeseen consequences" if it attacks Lebanon. Western powers including France and Britain have called for calm. Those dead in Golan were aged between 10 and 16

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ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED NEAR BORDER WITH LEBANON SINCE OCTOBER LAST

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ONE Manu Bhaker is India's first woman shooting medallist at the Games. It is also India's first medal in the 10m air pistol event

5 Overall, this is India's fifth medal in shooting in the history of the Games and first since Gagan Narang in 2012. Others to have won include Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Abhinav Bindra and Vijay Kumar

KARMA, BHAGAVAD GITA and the legend of Manu Bhaker

IT is perhaps more than just providence that Manu Bhaker won a medal in the town of Chateauroux, where a river named Indre flows. After all, religion, spirituality and philosophy were all vital ingredients in this story. It is difficult to not be a touch philosophical when talking about the 22-year-old's bronze in the women's 10m air pistol final. She had secured a quota in the 25m pistol event and qualified for the 10m event only through trials. On Sunday, she won India's first shooting Olympic medal since 2012 (London). Fittingly, Manu kept speaking about inspiration after her feat. Much of that inspiration came from that profound book of 700 verses – The Gita.

In the final, Manu was calm. There were also occasional glances at Jaspal Rana, her coach sitting among the audience. "One look at him and that gives me courage," she said.

Karma is what she believes in, more so after the Tokyo Games where public criticism caused her to hit the nadir. "I read a lot of Gita," she said. "One of the famous quotes is (Krishna's advice to Arjuna) *karma pe dhyan do, aur phal ke chinta mat karo* (focus on the work but don't worry about the reward). The same was running through my mind from last night (Saturday). I told myself 'whatever happens, I'll handle it'."

Manu and her coach spoke about several motivating parables, anecdotes and stories. He doesn't believe in getting an external psychologist. "My coach is my psychologist," she had said earlier. Just before the final, the duo were talking about Abhimanyu – Arjuna's son. How he knew how to enter the *chakravyuh* but did not know how to exit. "So we talked about how he knew how to get in but not about getting out. Use your information. Just do it. Win or you die. So she won," Rana said. The training rituals, according to Manu, was even more challenging than the actual Olympics. "Perhaps, that has made me stronger," she said.

One such ritual involves Manu meeting specific targets or paying a fine. "For example, he sometimes sets a target, and if you score that much, then fine. If not, for the deficit in points (for example, if the target is 582 and you score 478), you have to give 40 euros or 400 euros, depending on the situation." They donate the entire proceeds or buy gifts and distribute it.

One over, two to follow. She will pair with Sarabjot Singh in the mixed 10m air pistol event before the 25m event later on in the week. P13

Coaching centre owner held for student deaths, sent to judicial custody

UJWAL JALALI @New Delhi

A day after three young IAS aspirants were killed after they got trapped in a pool of water that entered the basement of a civil service coaching centre in central Delhi following heavy rains, the police on Sunday arrested the owner Abhishek Gupta and coordinator Deshpal Singh. The accused were produced before a local court, which sent them to 14 days of judicial custody.

The three IAS aspirants who lost their lives in the tragedy are Shreya Yadav of Ambedkar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, Tanya Soni from Telangana, and Nevin Dalvin from Ernakulam in Kerala.

Initial police investigation revealed that the coaching institute was illegally operating a library in the basement area. A case has been registered under relevant provisions of the BNS, including culpable homicide. Police said the owner was at the spot at the time of the incident.

DCP (central) M Harsh Vardhan said they received information around 7 pm that the basement of a UPSC coaching institute in Rajender Nagar had been flooded with the possibility of some students trapped inside. "Immediately the local police reached the spot," the DCP said. The entire road outside the Rau Coaching Centre was submerged in at least 2 feet deep water. The Fire Brigade was also alerted, which rushed 7 rescue vehicles and began pumping out the water. But as the street was already waterlogged, the basement was getting flooded fast.

The NDRF was then intimated which dispatched its divers after which they retrieved the first body of a woman at 10.40 pm, the second at 11.10 pm, and the third around 1 am.

Locals said the torrential rains had waterlogged the entire area and gushing waters broke down the airtight gate of the basement after which the water entered the basement at a very high speed.

The tragedy left the student community in a state of shock. They staged protests against the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the coaching institute's management for their alleged negligence. Minor scuffles also broke out between police and students. P5

Students protesting over the deaths of three IAS aspirants, in Delhi | PARVEEN NEGI

Bangladesh braces for more youth protests

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

MOBILE INTERNET RESTORED

The mobile internet connection was restored in Bangladesh on Sunday, 10 days after it was restricted by the authorities across the country to stop the spread of fake news. The mobile internet connectivity was restored at around 3.00 pm local time

EVEN as the authorities in Bangladesh maintain that the law and order is under control, the country remains tense with the student groups warning that they are preparing to resume protests over the arrests of their leaders who spearheaded the quota agitation.

Some analysts have gone as far as suggesting that what began as a student protest is turning into a revolution.

Students Against Discrimination, the student group that has led the protests, said on Sunday they would end their week-long protest moratorium. The group is demanding that the police free all student leaders arrested over protests.

However, sources say the police are pressing with covert action against protest leaders. Block raids are reportedly happening on a daily basis and youngsters are being rounded up and put in detention.

"The situation is tense even now as on the pretext of 'block raids' young people are being rounded up and put under detention in cells," Professor Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, a political commentator in Bangladesh, told this newspaper. Reports said fully armed police are knocking at the doors in random order to arrest those considered as troublemakers. "For the first time in the history of Bangladesh, there were helicopters used during the protests," Kalimullah said.

However, the protesters are staying firm with their demands, one of which is that "visible actions" be taken against government ministers and police officers responsible for the deaths of protesters.

"From being a mere student protest, this is soon turning into a revolution against the government," Pinaki Bhattacharya, exiled Bangladesh rights activist, told this newspaper. "Our statistics confirm 266 people have died. (The government) is maintaining power through brutal force," he added.

At least 9,000 people have been arrested nationwide since the unrest began, Bangaldesh daily *Prothom Alo* reported. Bangladesh home minister Asaduzzaman Kha on Sunday said 147 people had been killed in clashes. Bangladesh officials in Delhi did not immediately respond.

Union minister H D Kumaraswamy uses a handkerchief to cover his nose, which began bleeding during a press meet in Bengaluru on Sunday

HDK rushed to hospital after nosebleed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNION Minister and JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy was rushed to a private hospital in the city after his nose started bleeding during a press conference here on Sunday.

Even as he was talking to reporters after a BJP-JDS coordination committee meeting, blood started tickling down from Kumaraswamy's nose. He was rushed to Apollo Hospital in Jayanagar. Hospital sources said the bleeding was because of medications that Kumaraswamy is taking for his health conditions. He was stable, they added.

In March this year, Kumaraswamy, who is 64, underwent a Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI), a non-surgical procedure, for the third time due to restenosis caused by tissue valve degeneration. He had previously suffered two strokes. In February 2024, he had developed severe breathlessness, fatigue and chest pain due to the tissue valve degeneration. He has undergone three heart surgeries till date.

INDIA BEAT SRI LANKA

India's Yashasvi Jaiswal drives during the T20-I cricket match between India and Sri Lanka, at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium, on Sunday. India won the match by 7 wickets, and clinched the 3-match series | PTI | P12

Nirmala: Centre's allocation high, K'taka govt spreading false info

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman here on Sunday lashed out at the Congress-led state government, alleging that it is spreading misinformation that the Centre is not giving the state its due.

Addressing the first press conference in Bengaluru after presenting the budget, Sitharaman, who is a Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka, reeled out statistics to claim that the allocation from the Centre to the state has increased substantially since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power in 2014. "The current government in Karnataka keeps doing wrong 'prachar', which, I am sorry to say, is not helping anybody," she said.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses a press meet at the BJP office in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Karnataka has been allocated Rs 45,485.80 crore as tax devolution and Rs 15,299.7 crore as grant-in- aid in the 2024-25 budget. From 2014, when Modi came to power for the first time, and 2024, Rs 2,95,818 was budgeted as tax devolution and Rs 2,36,955 as grant-in-aid for the state, she said. In comparison, it was Rs 81,791 crore and Rs 60,779 crore, respectively under the UPA rule, she said.

"This means, under the UPA rule, every year for ten years, Karnataka received Rs 8,179 crore and under Modi 3.0, this year alone Rs 45,485.80 has been budgeted for Karnataka," she said. P4

EXPRESS READ

BJP-JDS to hold protest march from August 3

Bengaluru: In a bid to mount pressure on the ruling Congress against the scams in the state, the BJP and JDS will hold a march from Bengaluru to Mysuru on August 3 and conclude on August 10. The leaders of the two parties took part in the meeting to chalk out a strategy | P4

23 Bangladeshis arrested in Agartala

Agartala: Twenty-three Bangladeshis preparing to board a train to Chennai were arrested at Agartala railway station. A joint team from the RPF, BSF, and GRP conducted a raid at Agartala station on Saturday evening and detained the foreigners, who did not have valid documents.

India Cements acquisition okayed by UltraTech board

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE board of directors of India's largest cement maker UltraTech Cement on Sunday approved the purchase of 32.72% equity stake held by the promoters and their associates in Chennai-based India Cements Limited (ICL). UltraTech, an Aditya Birla group firm, will pay ₹3,954 crore at ₹390 a share to buy the entire 28.42% stake of ICL promoters — Srinivasan N, Chitra Srinivasan, Rupa Gurunath, and S K Asokh Baalaje—and 4.3% stake from Sri Saradha Logistics.

This share purchase will trigger a mandatory open offer at ₹390 a share. The open offer, which will allow UltraTech to add another 26% stake, will be done subsequently after obtaining regulatory approvals.

UltraTech had made a financial investment in ICL to acquire 22.77% equity at ₹268 per share in June 2024. Billionaire investor Radhakishan Damani and his associates had offloaded shares worth ₹1,889 crore in the deal. "Post this financial investment, the promoter group approached us as they wanted to sell their holding in the company," UtraTech said.

Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman, Aditya Birla Group, said: "Every investment in a core sector like cement accelerates economic activity and drives progress. These investments have also facilitated India's nationwide infrastructure upgrade."

NEW GUVS

FOR EIGHT STATES AND ONE UNION TERRITORY

The President, following the recommendations from the Centre, on Saturday night appointed new governors for Telangana, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Punjab and Assam and the Union Territory of Puducherry | P4,7

SMART MOVE

Cops turn drug users into informers to nab peddlers

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU police have stopped registering First Information Reports (FIRs) against those caught in drug abuse cases for the first time. Instead, the police are turning them into informants to crack down on drug peddlers and drug networks. Cases are, however, booked if they are caught again.

This strategy seems to have worked and in the last six months, 619 kg of drugs have been seized and 219 accused arrested, including 36 foreign nationals.

Earlier, the police booked cases against drug abusers under Section 27B of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, resulting in court fines of Rs 10,000 or an imprisonment of up to six months.

City Police Commissioner B Dayananda told TNIE, "Our focus and target is to reduce the entry and sale of drugs in the city. Booking cases against drug abusers only increases the number of cases in the documents. By using them as sources, we can catch peddlers and dismantle their networks. From last year, the number of seizures and arrest of peddlers has increased," he said.

He explained that the youth, who often seek an adrenaline rush, experiment with prohibited substances. If they are booked, it can turn them into addicts or peddlers. It could also stigmatise them and potentially ruin their lives, he added.

This approach, however, does not imply leniency for all drug consumers. "Not all drug users are given a free pass," he noted. "We verify if an individual is a habitual abuser." P2

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 29.07.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Greeshma • Masa: Ashada • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Navami 8.27 pm
Nakshatra: Bharani 2.20 pm • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Isolated tstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 06.04 am
Sunset 06.47 pm
Moonrise 12.19 am
Moonset 01.26 pm

SCHOOL BUSES REFUSE TO ENTER THIS BLOCK

Pathetic roads, erratic power, garbage and dengue the bane of Challakere village of Arkavathy Layout

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

IT has been 18 years since 600 sites in Challakere village of Arkavathy Layout were allotted by Bangalore Development Authority. Houses have been built on two-thirds of the sites, and are occupied. However, in the absence of basic amenities, daily life is a bitter struggle for residents of 19th Block.

Absence of tar roads, lack of drinking water and sanitation facilities, and erratic power supply are the major issues. To add to their woes, hotel staffers from other areas come in the dead of night and dump their garbage on empty plots here, say residents.

"This must easily be the worst layout in the entire city. With repeated complaints to the BDA not helping, we have even approached the Deputy CM for help," lamented resident Satish Paul, a design consultant. "Sewage from neighbouring BBMP layout in Babusapalya is directly let into the drains of our layout, and has created an unbearable mosquito menace. There is at least one person down with dengue in many families," he said. Paul approached BWSSB and BDA many times on behalf of 19th Block, but the issues continue. "Driving on muddy roads is a rollercoaster experience," he added.

Most of the residents are upset about the pathetic roads. Patilgouda Karadal, an office-bearer of Arkavathy Layout 19th Block Residents' Association, told *The New Indian Express*, "The roads within the layout as well as those connecting it to the two main roads at Challakere Main Road and Babusapalya are not tarred. Wheels of vehicles get stuck in the muddy roads. School buses refuse to enter the area and drop kids on the main road. They have to walk up to 500 metres to reach home."

Unmotorable roads are a daily struggle for the residents of BDA's Arkavathy Layout 19th Block | EXPRESS

There are three transformers that cater to the 600 sites, measuring 30x40 sqft. "Due to overload, the transformers burst frequently or there is low voltage. Lifts cannot be used in these multi-storeyed houses," Karadal added.

GH Muralidhar, another house owner, said, "Garbage dumped in the dead of night by hotels and other apartments has also created a massive stray dog menace."

Due to lack of drinking water supply, families spend huge amounts on tankers. "My family pays Rs 8,000 a month and buys eight full tankers," he said.

A BDA engineer told *The New Indian Express*, "We had called tenders for asphalting roads in 16 villages here. Challakere received only one bid so we will be retendering it."

He added that the BWSSB had completed over 60% of the work to supply drinking water in the area but he was not sure if Challakere figured among it.

CJI DY Chandrachud speaks during an event organised by the National Law School of India University in Bengaluru on Sunday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

Increasingly, we are seeing in a lot of cases, not just highly politicised and big-ticket ones, but also simple cases, where people who should be getting bail in trial and high courts are not getting it

DY Chandrachud, CJI

Trial court judges afraid of granting bail in serious crimes: CJI

PURAN CHOUDHARY
@ Bengaluru

TRIAL courts need to be encouraged to be more receptive to accommodating the concerns of people seeking liberty. Today, trial court judges are "playing it safe by not granting bail in very important issues or very serious crimes", said Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud here on Sunday. But judges should perform their duties without "feeling disgusted, or that my career will be on the line because of this case", he advised.

He said, "Increasingly, we are seeing in a lot of cases, not just highly politicised and big-ticket ones, but also simple cases, where people who should be getting bail in trial and high courts are not getting it. As a result, they have to increasingly move higher courts."

He was speaking at the 11th Annual Conference of the Berkeley Centre on Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law hosted by the National Law School of India University (NLSIU).

He said the number of small cases placed before the Supreme Court is large, and the number of bail applications judges clear outnumbers other matters. "We prioritise bail even during the vacations, for the simple reason that these people, at least, must have their day in court," he said.

Focus on climate policies and use of tech

Delivering the keynote address on 'Is there hope for equality law?', the CJI spoke about the different kinds of discrimination and oppression that further divide communities and access to their fundamental rights.

On the need for equitable climate policies, he said, "Climate change amplifies existing inequalities, turning them into human rights issues that particularly affect those whose rights are already compromised. Women, children, disabled and indigenous people face heightened risks. Inequality thus becomes both a cause and consequence of climate change."

He said a critical intersectional perspective is required that will provide a deeper understanding of climate change and develop more effective and equitable strategies.

On the need to use technology wisely for the welfare of societies, he said, "Transparency is key. We must ensure that how technologies and policies are developed and implemented is clear and accessible. Transparent systems and processes promote accountability and prevent misuse, aligning innovations with societal values and legal standards."

'Pollution Under Control' certificates may get costlier

AKNISREE KARTHIK
@ Bengaluru

RATES of the 'Pollution Under Control' certificate are likely to be hiked. The Karnataka Emission Testing Centers Owner's Associations met Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy recently and apprised him about the increasing cost of rent, emission checking equipment, salaries and overheads, and have requested him to revise the rates. The members said the rates were hiked almost three years ago.

As of now, two-wheelers are paying Rs 65, autos Rs 75, four-wheel petrol vehicles Rs 115, and diesel vehicles Rs 160 for PUC certificates. The association has urged the government to hike the emission rates of two-wheelers to Rs 110, autos to Rs 100, four-wheel petrol and CNG vehicles to Rs 200 and diesel vehicles to Rs 250.

"It is almost three years since the rates for emission testing were revised. There are more than 2,600 emission testing centres across Karnataka, of which 700 are in Bengaluru. The rates of rent in petrol pumps, the cost of emission testing equipment, and the salaries of the staff have gone up. To cope with the increasing costs, we have urged Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy and Transport Commissioner Yogeesh to hike the rates," Karnataka Emission Testing Centers Owner's Associations president Yogesh told *The New Indian Express*.

The transport department is aiming to centralise all emission testing centres under one server and issue secure PUC certificates.

'Textile waste mounting, sustainable fashion key'

SAI BHAVANI M @ Bengaluru

WHILE Bengaluru is struggling to manage its garbage, tonnes of textile waste either end up in landfills or get burnt, point out experts working on solid waste management. They inform that the city produces over 5,000 tonnes of waste every day, of which, over 200 tonnes is textile waste and almost 75 per cent of it is burnt, releasing harmful emissions.

A Department of Handlooms and Textiles official said, "It's easy to buy, easy to throw away textiles, but not easy to recycle. Hence, buying should be done responsibly. Sustainable fashion is the need of the hour."

He added that Bengaluru is home to over 400 textile industries producing 20 per cent of India's textiles. In the past 10 years, the city's textile waste has increased from 2.8 per cent to 4 per cent of the total solid waste generated. Alarmingly, less than 1 per cent of this waste is fully recyclable.

In just 10 months, the waste collection centres operated by NGOs have collected over 1,31,000 kg of waste, the official said, adding that "Decomposition of textiles varies based on the fabric. Pure cotton takes around 5 months to decompose, while wool takes 4 months. In contrast, polyester and Lycra fabrics take over hundreds of years, highlighting the need for sustainable fashion practices."

To mitigate the crisis, organisations like Saahas Zero Waste, Hasirudala, Eco Dhaga, Fabpoint, Restore, Bandana Dhara, The Bag, Sustain Lable, Amukta, and Sumrux are bringing up sustainable fashion practices, such as upcycling, repurposing, and recycling to significantly reduce textile waste. Additionally, promoting eco-friendly fabrics, reducing waste generation, and implementing effective waste management systems can help reduce this problem.

Astha Khubele, Associate Lead at Saahas Zero Waste Private Limited, which according to her is the country's first textile waste collection and recycling entity, that managed to collect over 250 tonnes of textile waste in 2023, said, "We have engaged with over 1,400 daily waste collectors and collaborated with the Department of Handlooms and Textiles to highlight the need for segregated textile waste collection."

GALLANT RIDE

Ex-servicemen participate in a bike rally, as part of the 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas, in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

IIMB hosts 'Youth Udyami' for school students

BENGALURU: Aiming to empower young entrepreneurs, the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) organised 'Youth Udyami' for school students on Sunday. Out of 300 registrations, 50 students from various schools were shortlisted to present their ideas. Candidates were mentored by IIM-B students. The school students pitched their ideas on identifying a problem, defining potential customers, developing a financial plan, planning for scaling and creating a launch strategy. These ideas included community-driven green cycle initiatives, online platforms for puja planning and waste utilisation apps. The event was organised by students of the Executive Post Graduate Programme and Post-Graduate Programme for Enterprise Management. The results will be announced in the first week of August and the grand finale is slated for February 2025.

17K+ dengue cases: Citizens irked by shoddy measures

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WHILE dengue cases in the state have surged to 17,227, and 10 deaths as of July 28, the measures being taken to control the infection are reportedly insufficient, say citizens.

The health department has instructed staffers to carry out source reduction and fogging, however, residents argue that nothing is being done on a daily basis. Mosquito breeding has increased due to rain and garbage piles that civic authorities fail to clear on a daily basis, they say.

Ramesh K, a resident of JC Nagar, lamented that they rarely see any fogging done, or standing water being cleared. "Piles of garbage around the neighbourhood are a breeding ground for all sorts of health issues, it is not only about mosquitoes, it is about overall safety," he added.

When *TNIE* reached out to the BBMP health department, officials refuted residents' claims and maintained that they are conducting dengue control measures, particularly early in the morning. Residents, however, counter it, stating that they rarely observe any such activities being carried out.

Residents of Okalipuram say that trash dumps keep piling up around the area, and garbage-laden tippers are often parked by the roadside, attracting swarms of mosquitoes and creating health concerns.

Speaking with *TNIE*, slum-dwellers in DJ Halli mentioned that waste collection tippers frequently skip their area. Rajalakshmi, a resident, mentioned that when tippers don't collect waste, people dump waste wherever they see space. This unattended garbage accumulation increases the mosquito problem and heightens health risks in the locality.

Cops use balanced approach

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ALSO, the police are stringent in cases where drug users are involved in accidents under the influence or are caught at rave parties. They are booked and have to face legal consequences. This balanced approach aims to address the root cause of drug abuse while ensuring public safety and reducing drug-related incidents in Bengaluru, he said.

Year	Drugs seized	Peddlers arrested		Consumers arrested	
		Indian	Foreigner	Indian	Foreigner
2022	4228.44 kg	862	112	5,093	122
2023	5387.845 kg	893	91	3,407	8
2024	619.500 kg	272	36	–	–

(till June-end)

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

29TH July : Some people like New Moons. Actually, I prefer Full Moons. They are always so dramatic, whether the Moon is yellow and low on the horizon, or shining like silver and high in the sky. It's one of nature's most dramatic sights so I'd urge you to look up this evening and give yourself a visual treat - clouds permitting!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You still have a fair amount of energy, and you mustn't waste time if you have important matters to complete. By next week your stars will be more relaxed, which could be a relief but also indicates that it might be somewhat less easy to achieve your aims.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Seen from one angle your stars present you as being on the winning side and not likely to be deceived or exploited. The essential message, though, is that you can turn all available circumstances to good advantage if you throw yourself into idealistic endeavours, forgetting self-interest and trusting in the future.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The weight of celestial patterns is still on your side, enabling you to swing almost any development to your benefit. At home, it's all a question of being businesslike, and insisting that people obey the rules, watch the clock and do what they're told.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You can keep a secret, but only for a little while longer. Today's stars tell a double story; urging you to talk to partners, but advising you to hold your tongue when it comes to certain delicate matters. The last thing you want to do now is cause offence.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The business of day-to-day survival looms large, and it is to those little but necessary things that you must turn your attention. No item should be considered too small or too dull to warrant your best efforts. And don't imagine that it's OK to leave routine matters to others just because they're boring.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Happily, lunar alignments are infusing and enthusing the region of the zodiac occupied by your sign. The consequence is that you could be rather more sensitive than usual, but also increasingly able to appreciate emotional improvements. And if you feel better, so should the people you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You would be wise to keep yourself to yourself today, at least when you sense that irrational opposition is looming. There may be a family mystery to solve, but it seems unlikely that answers will be available before tomorrow, so you should be patient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is much to be said for teamwork today, so make an effort to co-operate, and don't even think about going it alone. If you're still recovering from a trauma at work or a rejection at home, you will probably have forgotten all about it by next week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
No amount of argument must prevent you from forging ahead with major alterations in your personal life. Partners' advice, while well-intentioned, often seems to miss the point, so make your own decisions today. Mind you, you'll have to accept responsibility if your plans don't work out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There seems to be a powerful indication of long-distance contacts today, perhaps associated with family connections. You may actually be dreaming of life in distant parts. It would be nice to escape, if only for a while. Why not see if it can be arranged?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The general planetary indications are positive, but the upside is that you'll be given a chance to make firm constructive progress, and then to sort out a hundred and one practical details and irritations. Other people will accept your plans - but only if you give them good reason.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
This is one week when planetary patterns urge you not to postpone a fresh start any longer. There are personal contacts out there which should now be converted into firm friendships. Close partners should be willing to go along with you, at least for part of the way.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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SUDOKU HARD

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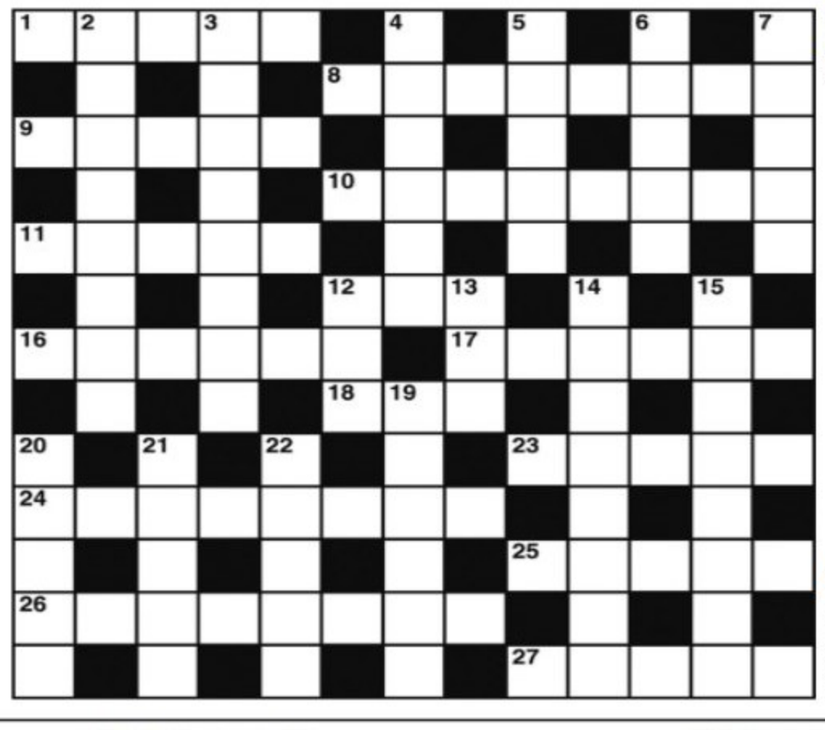

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Graze the back of the neck right away (5)
8 High pitch of latest composition (8)
9 Bail out one that makes the headlines (5)
10 Hire tent collapsing? Unlucky for some (8)
11 Fish vessel reaches New York (5)
12 A bird stuck in the mud (3)
16 Recent change of heart (6)
17 Not a straightforward sort of flight (6)
18 Born in the Pyrenees (3)
23 Calm retort (5)
24 Flirting having no head for marriage (8)
25 Followed the herd maybe but not as passenger (5)
26 Floor covering; the kind printers use (8)
27 Hang about looking black (5)

DOWN
2 Plants freshly cut in containers (8)
3 Added information an organist might provide (8)
4 Disorder for a month on the border (6)
5 Enter the office uninvited? (5)
6 Extreme state (5)
7 Strike for money (5)
12 It's seven used by poets (3)
13 Employ Sue for a change (3)
14 State carriage? (8)
15 Come a cropper as winter starts? (4,4)
19 Bolt and key used by a computer operator (6)
20 Clear the cellar (5)
21 Complete freedom for cast (5)
22 Breaks up the band (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Separation, 6 Loaf, 10 Irony, 11 The Red Sea, 12 Ephemera, 13 Enter, 15 Roadies, 17 Elastic, 19 Laertes, 21 Altered, 22 Epsom, 24 Athletic, 27 Bystander, 28 Avers, 29 Sees, 30 Almshouses.

Down: 1 Skip, 2 Phosphate, 3 Rhyme, 4 Tatters, 5 Overawe, 7 Onset, 8 Fratricide, 9 Relevant, 14 Trolley bus, 16 Isthmian, 18 Tardiness, 20 Scandal, 21 Adheres, 23 Susie, 25 Erato, 26 Isis.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

PGYUP

SIOTJ

SUWNIE

TIYGEH

Pay attention! This is not a fetching stick, it's a pole.
Can this be my blanky tonight?
THE YOUNG CANINE CAMPERS WERE HAVING FUN SETTING UP THEIR ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GABBY LEAVE UNSURE MANAGE
Answer: The panda couple broke up after realizing that living together was becoming — UNBEARABLE

NON-STERILISED MANICURE, TATTOO TOOLS CAN CAUSE HEPATITIS: DOCs

Say lack of easy access to med care hampers timely diagnosis, management

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

FROM non-sterilised tools used in manicures, pedicures, and tattoo procedures to dental instruments, various everyday practices can serve as sources of hepatitis — an inflammation of the liver often caused by viral infections, experts warn.

Pointing to the rising number of hepatitis cases, doctors emphasise that inadequate healthcare infrastructure, insufficient vaccination coverage and poor sanitation practices are significant contributors. Unsafe medical procedures and transfusions, in particular, have led to a high prevalence of hepatitis B and C.

Experts further highlight that lack of easy access to medical care hampers timely diagnosis and management, complicating efforts to control and reduce hepatitis cases.

Dr Adarsh CK, Chief Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist, Gleneagles BGS Hospital, explains that hepatitis A and E, transmitted through contaminated food and water, thrive due to poor hygienic practices, which facilitate the transmission of these viruses. While hepatitis B and C, on the other hand, spread through blood and body fluids.

Dr Adarsh says factors like poor diagnostic and treatment facilities, coupled with vertical transmission from mother to baby, perpetuate high rates of these blood-borne infections. Despite progress in immunisation, challenges like limited accessibility to treatment, exacerbates the burden of infection across populations.

Dr Sonal Asthana, Lead Consultant, HPB and liver transplant surgery, Aster Hospital, mentions that hepatitis often remains symptomless until it is too late, making its transmission extremely ordinary.

> Gaps in healthcare system necessitate increased accessibility to testing, early diagnosis
>
> Dr Sonal Asthana, Aster Hospital

"Early recognition of hepatitis is crucial as its symptoms can be non-specific, mimicking other diseases. Tiredness, loss of appetite, yellow skin and eyes, and stomach pain should prompt medical attention," she adds and stresses that regular check-ups are vital, especially for those at higher risk – individuals with multiple sexual partners, intravenous drug users, or those who have had blood transfusions or tattoos.

Preventing hepatitis hinges on vaccination, safe blood transfusions, and proper sterilisation of medical and personal care equipment. However, gaps in the healthcare system necessitate increased accessibility to testing, early diagnosis, and affordable treatment, Dr Sonal says.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao flags off the walkathon on World Hepatitis Day in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

Walkathon spreads awareness on hepatitis

Bengaluru: In a bid to create awareness about hepatitis B and C, on World Hepatitis Day, Karnataka Gastro Centre organised a walkathon here on Sunday. The event, which was flagged off by Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, was organised in association with Lions International District 317A, Gowtham Nursing College, Sarvodaya College of Nursing, Fortis Hospital Rajajinagar, and Kaade Hospital Manjunath Nagar. The walkathon commenced at 7 am from Karnataka Gastro Centre in 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Nagapura, between Modi Hospital and Nagapura Main Road, Mahalakshmipuram Metro Station. A free screening camp for hepatitis B and C was made available for all participants. There was an awareness talk on hepatitis, where Dr Umesh Jalihal said, "The hepatitis B virus infection is a very common public health problem. About 500 million people are chronically infected with hepatitis B in India and five out of 100 people harbour hepatitis B in their blood, without their knowledge. Similarly, 1-2 per cent of the population has silent hepatitis C infection. Unfortunately, these virus infections are detected late, which results in major liver-related health problems, including significant loss of quality of life and sometimes death." ENS

Two rowdies shot at by Kanakapura police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TWO rowdy sheeters wanted in an attempt-to-murder case, in which they chopped off the victim's hand and assaulted a former Zilla Panchayat president and his family members, were shot in the legs on Sunday morning. The two are identified as Harsha alias Kaima, and Karunesh alias Kannan.

Police said that based on a tip-off, they launched an operation to nab them on Sunday morning near a school in Kaggalipura. When police tried to nab them, they allegedly attacked the police constables with machetes and daggers in an attempt to escape. In self-defence, Kanakapura Town circle inspector fired in the air, warning them to surrender. When they continued to try to escape, the inspector and police sub-inspector of Kanakapura Rural police station fired at them. Harsha sustained a bullet injury in his left leg while Karunesh was hit in the right leg. A constable and head constable were injured, police said.

On the night of July 22, a gang of six, including Harsha and Karunesh, chopped off the hand of the victim and assaulted the family members of the former ZP president of Mullahalli village in Kanakapura. A special team was formed to nab the accused, and four others were arrested within 24 hours of the incident.

EXPRESS READ

10-year-old girl falls into STP tank while playing, drowns

Bengaluru: A 10-year-old girl drowned after falling into a 15-feet sewage treatment plant (STP) tank while playing, near Celebrity Paradise Layout in Doddathogur near Electronic City on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Elina Lepcha from Darjeeling and a Class 4 student at Doddathogur Government School. The police said around 4 pm on Saturday, a group of children was playing near the STP, which was poorly maintained. Plants had grown over the rusty iron grill. When Elina stood on the grill, it broke and she fell into the STP tank. The Fire and Emergency Services Department personnel rushed to the spot and brought the girl out of the tank. She was rushed a nearby hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead, the police said. Elina's father works as an assistant at a hotel while her mother is a domestic help. Both were at work during the incident. The Electronic City police have registered a case. ENS

IN THE COURT OF IV ADDL. PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
M.C. No.7536/2023

Between: Mrs. Vasavi Chitloor Harish ... Petitioner
And: Harish C.S ... Respondent

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT

Respondent: Mr. Harish C.S, S/o. C.R Sanathkumar Setty, aged about 52 years Last resided at #39, Jain Temple Street, VV Puram, Bangalore- 560004 Ph. No. 9448607452 ... **Respondent**

Whereas the above named petitioner has preferred a petition for divorce before this Hon'ble Court (IV ADDL. PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU) under Section 13(1)(ia) of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 seeking for divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person or by a pleader, duly instructed on the **09-09-2024 at 11.00 AM.** to show cause against the Petitioner and file statement of objections in your defence, failing which the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 26-07-2024

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru

Madhuri Gaikwad, Advocate
No.23, Ground Floor, Seshadripuram, 1st Main, Bangalore- 560020, Mobile. 9880325978.

WESTERN RAILWAY
REPAIR WORK

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (W), Western Railway Carriage Repair Workshop, N. M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013, invites **Tender Notice No: EL-WA-PL-2023-24-53R Name of work with location: Overhauling/Repairing of Roof Mounted Package Units (RMPUs) of LHB type AC coaches as per Scope of Work and Schedule of Rates for Qty: 358 Units (179 coaches). Location:** as above mentioned. **Approx. cost of the work: ₹7,01,11,717.82/- EMD:** ₹5,00,600/- **Date and time of submission: till 20.08.2024, 12.00 Hrs. Date and time of opening: on 20.08.2024 at 12.30 Hrs.** For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 0397

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IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE
CRL. MISC. No. 7023/2024

BETWEEN : T. VENKATESHA, S/o. LATE. T. THIMMAIAH, Aged about 64 years, R/at. No. Old No. 87/A, New No.147, R.H. Colony, Mahalingeshwara Layout, Hosur Main Road, Adugodi Post, Bangalore-560 030. **...PETITIONER**

AND : 1. THE THASILDAR, Bangalore South, Births & Death Act, Bangalore-560 002.
2. THE COMMISSIONER OF BBMP, Births & Deaths Act, Bangalore-560 002. **...RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREFORE, The Petitioner named above have filed the petition seeking direction to the Tahasildar Bangalore South Births & Deaths Bangalore-560009 and Commissioner of BBMP Bangalore-560002. of Birth and Deaths to Register the death of deceased of my younger late. **T. RAMAKRISHNA. S/O. T. THIMMAIAH. WAS DIED ON 03.01.1994.** AT. NO. 87/A, HOSUR MAIN ROAD, R.H COLONY, ADUGODI POST, BANGALORE-560030. And issues the direction accordingly for the Any person interested and having any objection in the matter may appear Hon'ble Court at 11.00 AM. at VI ACMM Court to which date the case is posted hearing **05.09.2024.**

Given Under Court Seal by order of Sheristedar 6th Court Bangalore City.

I am taking this paper publication draft on this particular date 27.07.2024.

By Oder of the Court, Sheristedar, VI Addl. C.M.M Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner : **K. RUDRAMMA**
No.1104, 9th Block, Janapriya Town Ship, Magadi Main Road, Kadabagere Cross, Bangalore-562130. Mob : 9740470770

IN THE COURT OF THE HONOURABLE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT KRISHNAGIRI
I.A. No: 1/2024
A.S. No: /2024

1. Mr. Muniraj, And 5 others
...Appellants/Plaintiffs
-Vs-
1. Mr. N. Yoganand, S/o. Late. Nagarajaiah, Aged about 57 Years, residing At No: 38, Navasakthi Nilaya, 1st Cross, Manorayanapalaya New Extension, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore, Karnataka-560032.
...Respondents/Defendants

NOTICE

Please take notice that the above appellants/plaintiffs have filed a petition in the above Hon'ble Court praying for appeal in O.S. No: 39/2021 and for other reliefs against You and others. The above petition is posted to **14.08.2024.** You are hereby called upon by person or with the help of the pleader and file the objections if any before the Hon'ble Court on the said date at about 10.00 A.M., and state your objections, failing which, the court may proceed to pass exparte orders.

// By Order of the Court //
M. MANOHARAN., M.B.A., LL.B., Advocate
No:54/44, Tank Street, Hosur-635109.
Mobile : 9952229430

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **06-03-2024** by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was **returned by M/s. S B Trading, Mr. M. Veerabaghu, Mr. N. Vengadesh Perumal Raju & Mr. P. Saravana Kumar.** Hence this.

No.1) M/s. S B Trading, No.4/3806, Upparatha Mardrapalli, Sanamavoo Post, Hosur - 635119. Also At, M/s. S B Trading, C – 807, Mantri Tranquil Apt., Gubalala Village, Off Kanakapura Road, Bangalore – 560061. No.2) Mr. K. Balasubramanian, S/o. S. Krishnan, No.15, NGO Colony, Melagaram Post, Tenkasi, Tirunelveli - 627818. No.3) Mr. M. Veerabaghu, S/o. Murugesh, No.3, SNR Nagar, Singanallur, Coimbatore - 641005. No.4) Mr. N. Vengadesh Perumal Raju, S/o. P. Narayanan, No.163/34, Railway Road, Rail Nagar, Tenkasi - 627811. No.5) Mr. S. Bagavath, S/o. S. Subramanian, No.107/101A, Millerpuram, Thoothukudi, Tamilnadu - 628008. No.6) M/s. S B Eractors, No.15, First Street, NGO Colony, Melagaram, Tenkasi - 627818. No.7) Mr. P. Saravana Kumar, S/o. S. Pown, No.2-16-25B/7, Cheran Street, Gandhi Nagar, Batlagundu - 624202.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub : Loan account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-J.P. Nagar Branch in the name of M/s. S B Trading.

The Bank issued Notice under the SARFAESI Act on **06-03-2024** calling upon Nos.1 to 5 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512120020011206 is **Rs.31,26,903/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Three only),** as on **05-03-2024** with further interest for 512120020011206 at **15.15%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **06-03-2024** till the date of repayment. The Notice **sent to you by Registered Post have been Received by Nos. 2, 5 & 6 of you and Returned by Nos.1, 3, 4 & 7.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos.1 to 5 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512120020011206 is **Rs.31,26,903/-(Rupees Thirty One Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Three only),** with further interest for 512120020011206 at **15.15%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **06-03-2024** till the date of repayment within **60 days** from the date of this Notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Note : (1) That our **376-Tenkasi Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (SECURED OD WITHOUT DP : 512120020003201) dated **15-12-2014** requested by No.6 of you represented by Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 7 of you as Partner for which Nos.2, 3, 4 & 7 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 15,00,000/-** at a **ROI** of **14.25%** and the outstanding balance as on **05-03-2024** is **Rs. 14,65,099/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **06-03-2024** till the date of realization.

(2) That our **376-Tenkasi Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (OTHER HOUSING LOAN > 25 L : 501312030006102) dated **21-12-2015** requested by No.2 of you for which Nos.3 & 4 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 30,00,000/-** at a **ROI** of **11.50%** and the outstanding balance as on **05-03-2024** is **Rs.13,26,316/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **06-03-2024** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. S. Bagavath, S/o. S. Subramanian)

All that Piece and Parcel of the Tuticorin Registration District, Tuticorin Melur Sub-Registry Office Jurisdiction, Tuticorin Taluk, Korampallam Part II Village, Survey No.358/1D1M, Area 0.08.0 Hectors, 20 Cents in it Divided into Plots in it Plot No.4 Boundaries are : East of : 12 feet Broad East-West Common Pathway and Plot No.3 owned By V. Ramakrishnan, West of : Paulraj Plot, North of : Minor S. Bagavath Lakshman Purchasing Plot No.5 on this Day from the Vendor C. Rama Jeyam, South of : Anto Appasamy Betti Plot No.1, Within these four Boundaries, Measurement : East-West (North) 31 Feet, East-West (South) 29½ Feet, North-South (West) 43½ Feet, North-South (East) 44½ Feet. Area 1,131 Square Feet Equal to 123.652 Square Metre Equal to 3.05 Cents of Plot and in it Presently Built Door No.5/162 T8A, Bharathi Nagar, Tuticorin.

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. K. Balasubramanian, S/o. S. Krishnan & Mr. N. Vengadesh Perumal Raju, S/o. P. Narayanan)

The Property Situated in Tirunelveli District, Tenkasi Registration District, Tenkasi Joint 2 Sub-Registration District, Tenkasi Municipality, Ayan Punjai Survey No.1502/2, Acre 1, Cents 85, Survey No.1504/2A, 2B, Acres 4, Cents 2, Total Extent of Acres 5, Cent 87 and within this Area Acres 5, Cents 7, Southern Part, Hectr. 0.68.5, Acre 1, Cents 69. Bounded on : North by : Punjai Belongs to N. Muthaiah, South by : Punjai Belongs to Mohammed Khan and Others, East by : Railway B Class Land, West by : South-North Common Pathway.

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. K. Balasubramanian, S/o. S. Krishnan, Mr. N. Vengadesh Perumal Raju, S/o. P. Narayanan & Mr. M. Veerabaghu, S/o. Murugesh)

In Coimbatore Registration District, Gandhipuram Sub-Registration District, Coimbatore North Taluk, Saravanampatti Village, SF.No.257/1 Dry Acre 2.88, SF.No.258/1 Dry Acre 1.075, Assessment Rs. 2.08, Total For the Above Two Survey Nos. Dry Acre 3.955 this Agriculture Land together with all other common rights, easement, privileges, appurtenances with usual road right pertaining to this property. Boundaries : On the North : S.F.No.260 & S.F.No.261, On the South : S.F.No.257/2 & S.F.No.258/2, On the East : S.F.No.256 & S.F.No.259, On the West : S.F.No.255 & S.F.No.262. The Above Property situated within the limits of Coimbatore Corporation.

Schedule - B

In the Property Described in Schedule - A Above an Undivided 357.22 Sq.Ft. of land.

Schedule - C

Flat Bearing No.C 906 in the 9th Floor Having super built-up Area of 1,192 Sq.Ft. in C Block in the Apartment Known as Central Park including Car Parking Rights and all other Appurtenances attached thereto with all rights over the Property for ingress and egress. The Property is Situated within the Coimbatore Corporation Limits.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 29-07-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Petition for determination of transmission tariff for asset under **"Transmission system for evacuation of power from 2X500MW Neyveli Lignite Corp. Ltd. TS-1(Replacement) (NNTPS)"** in Southern Region under Section 62 read with Section 79 (1) (d) of Electricity Act, 2003 and under the Regulation 15 (1) (a) and Regulation 23 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023 read with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Condition of Tariff Regulations) 2019.

2. The beneficiaries of the above-mentioned Transmission system are: (a) TANGEDCO (b) TSNPDCL (c) KSEB (d) TSSPDCL (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) APSPDCL (i) CESC (j) MESCOM (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) APCPDCL & (o) TANTRANSCO.

3. Tariff details:

Name of the Asset	2 nos. of 400kV Line bays at Ariyalur SS (TANTRANSCO) for terminating NNTPS Switchyard-Ariyalur (Villupuram) 400kV D/C line
Schedule DOCO (FR)	11.07.2019
DOCO (Actual)	10.02.2024
RCE Approved cost	3341.30
Estimated Completion Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	4208.81
Tariff for the year (Rs. in Lakhs)	
2023-24 (pro-rata)	112.31

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **www.powergrid.in.**

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : Gurugram Sd/-
Date : 23.07.2024 **GGM (Commercial/RC)**

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corp. Office : Saudamini, Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurugram-122001 (Haryana) Tel. : 0124-2571700-719
Regd. Office : B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 Tel. : 011-26560112, 26560121
www.powergrid.in, **CIN :** L40101DL1989GOI038121
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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,10,34,655/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Five only)** as on **24-07-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **25-07-2024** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Venkateshwara Table Bricks, Sy.No.11, Near Raghavendra Dhama, Belekere Silvepura Post, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bangalore - 560090. No.2) Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, S/o. Mr. V. Prabhakar, No.131, "Chandra Kala Nilaya", 11th Main, Behind Kaivara Temple, Kammagondanahalli, Bangalore - 560015. No.3) Mr. V. Prabhakar, S/o. Mr. Veeraswamy, No.131, "Chandra Kala Nilaya", 11th Main, Behind Kaivara Temple, Kammagondanahalli, Bangalore - 560015.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, S/o. Mr. V. Prabhakar)

Survey Nos.7, 8 & 9, Site Bearing No.7. All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site Bearing No.7, formed in Survey Nos.7, 8 & 9 situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now coming under the limits of BBMP Ward No.12, Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 53 feet, North to South Eastern side 40 feet, Western side 59 feet in all measuring 3,206.5 Sq.ft. and bounded off:- East by - Site No.8, West by - Site No.6, North by - Road, South by - Others Property. Situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now coming under the limits of BBMP Bangalore.

Reserve Price : Rs.85,00,000/-
(Rupees Eighty Five Lakh only)

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, S/o. Mr. V. Prabhakar)

Survey Nos.7, 8 & 9 of All that piece and parcel Southern Portion on the Western Side of House Property in Converted Survey Nos.7, 8 & 9 situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now coming under the limits of BBMP Ward No.12, Bangalore measuring:- East to West - Northern side 53 feet, Southern side 50 feet, North to South 25 feet in all measuring 1,287.5 Sq.ft., bounded on:- East by - Passage & Property belonging to M. Shobha, West by - Others Property, North by - 6-0 feet wide passage South by - 5-0 feet wide passage. Situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now coming under the limits of BBMP Bangalore.

Reserve Price : Rs.32,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Two Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
20-08-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Vijay Nagar Branch, 23/1, 17th Cross, M.C. Layout, Near Maruthi Mandir, Vijay Nagar, Bengaluru Rural - 560040. Telephone No.080-23504001, Cell No.7483060906.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Vijay Nagar Branch, 23/1, 17th Cross, M C Layout, Near Maruthi Mandir, Vijay Nagar, Bengaluru Rural - 560040. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23504001, Cell No.7483060906. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 26-07-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

IDFC First Bank Limited
(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) | CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031. Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17-August-2024 as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (I).

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

S. NO	(i) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Agreement ID	(iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(v) Reserve Price Amount	(vi) EMD Amount	(vii) Date and Time of Auction	(viii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(ix) Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 3442279.51/- Demand Notice dated: 12-Jun-2021	26692454	**Pasupala Guru Manjunath & Pasupala Bharathi**	**INR 2624400.00/-**	INR 262440.00/-	17-Aug-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	16-Aug-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	08-Aug-2024 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM	Name - Neha Rao Contact Number- 9620788891 Name- Jacob Palayoor Lazar Contact Number- 8971675091

(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Flat No. FO-2 In 4Th Floor, Consists Of 2 Bed Room, 1 Attached Bathroom, 1 Common Bathroom, 1 Living Room, Modular Kitchen, Katha No.46/1, Measuring 800 Sq.Ft. Sba With Undivided Share, Right, Title And Ineterest Of 280 Sq.Ft. Along With One Covered Car Parking, Situated At Site No. 6, Katha No. 46/1, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahill Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Ward No.187 And, Bounded As:-East: Flat No. Fo-03 & West: Flat No. Fo-01, North: Passage & Private Property & South: Road

S. NO	(i) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Agreement ID	(iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(v) Reserve Price Amount	(vi) EMD Amount	(vii) Date and Time of Auction	(viii) Date and Time of EMD Auction	(ix) Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
2	INR 6013516.41/- Demand Notice dated: 21-May-2022	15607510	**Manjunath B V, Chandrashekhar Vasudeva, Shilpa Chandrashekar & Sumithra B M**	**INR 6428160.00/-**	INR 642816.00/-	17-Aug-2024 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM	16-Aug-2024 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	08-Aug-2024 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM	Name - Preeti Toshniwal Contact Number- 9694702013 Name- Jacob Palayoor Lazar Contact Number- 8971675091

(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Bearing Bbmp Khata No.17, Old Site No.1, Assessment No.35/1, Measuring East To West: 24 Feet And North To South: 62 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.35/1 Of Sanneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently At 10Th Main, Kamakshiplaya, Vrushabhavathinagar, Bangalore, Comprising Of A Building Bounded On: East: Property Of Mr. Ningappa, West : Property Bearing No.2, North : Road & South: Property Of Mr. Muniyappa

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Date: 29.07.2024

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 25.07.2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	47469438826078	1) Mr. Kumar D L, 2) Mrs. Mahalakshmi H V	08.02.2022	22.07.2024	Rs.18,69,413.69 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen and Sixty Nine Paisa Only)	16.08.2024 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.50,19,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Nineteen Thousand Only)	Rs.5,01,900/- (Rupees Five Lakh One Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	31.08.2024 @ 02:00 PM	30.08.2024, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing SL. No.1685, Katha No.1472/2468 measuring 30x18Ft out of 35x45 Ft Building comes under the Municipality of Devarajanagara, Doddaballapura City and together **Bounded on the: East by:** Sri Krishnappa's Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'**. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulru Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ srinivas@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.9590858249), Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob. No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 29.07.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT, KANDAYA BHAVAN, K.G. ROAD AT BENGALURU
(Notice to the Respondent No.1 Vide order 30.01.2024)
MSC/CR No.135/2023

1. Sri. Satish .I and **2. Smt. Sreelatha .C.V** **...Petitioners**

(By Sriyuths C. Vijaya Kumar advocate for Petitioners

V/S

1. Ms. Bhavana S., 2. Ms. Rithika S, **...Respondents**

(By Sriyuths Sri. P. Dhanajaya, advocate for R2 Respondent

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT No.1 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

1. Ms. Bhavana S, D/o Satish I, Aged about 28 years, residing at No.J207, Brigade Gateway Apartments, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560055.

Appeal order dated 30.01.2024 issue summons to **respondent No.1** passed in **MSC/CR No. 135/2023** on the file of the Hon'ble Assistant Commissioner at Bengaluru Urban.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above petition on **06.08.2024 at 11.00, O'clock Noon** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will the dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this court. This the **24TH DAY OF JULY, 2024.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AT BENGALURU URBAN

BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has demanded that the state government hand over the MUDA land allotment case to the Central Bureau of Investigation as this will reveal the truth, including if former CM BS Yediyurappa and his son BJP state president B Y Vijayendra were also involved. It is not appropriate to target only Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case. "Other leaders such as Yediyurappa, (Dy CM) D K Shivakumar and minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan were involved in a pact during the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections," he added

BURN THE MIDNIGHT OIL OR JUST BURNOUT?

Proposal to extend workday from 10 hours to 14 has more cons than pros, especially the effect on employees' health, family time

PURAN CHOUDHARY & RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN the past 6-8 months, office-goers in the IT capital and Karnataka made peace with the fact that they can no longer earn their daily bread from the secure and comfortable confines of their homes. The shift in routine came about as all major IT companies either requested them to come back to office with added perks, or threatened them with layoffs if they failed to comply. Now, another controversy around increasing work hours from the legalised 10 hours to the proposed 14 hours, has left a sour taste for the employees. This development comes at a time when other countries such as UAE, Belgium, UK and Germany are weighing a 4-day workweek for different sectors.

In any organisation, employees are often referred to as the 'backbone' and play a critical role in its success. It would not be wrong to say that a 'happy employee is a clear sign that a company is doing something right'. Unfortunately, this very idea has been challenged, inviting concerns and criticism. To put it into context, over a year ago, N Narayana Murthy, co-founder of Infosys and industry veteran, suggested youngsters should work 70 hours a week, just like China and Japan did post World War II. Could this have ticked off the industry's proposal? However, the businessman has made no comment on the current matter as yet.

The amendment to the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act aims to allow IT and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITeS) employees to work up to 14 hours a day – 125 extra hours over three months. While the Karnataka government is facing criticism for the 'inhumane', 'unacceptable' and 'unproductive' working conditions, the root cause is in the IT industry.

Recently, speaking to the media, Minister for Labour Santosh Lad said the proposal to extend work hours of employees in the IT sector came from the heads of IT companies and not from the government. He admitted that the government just facilitated a platform to hold discussions on it and would not take any step without consensus. "Now, it is in public domain, let all IT company heads, employees and the public discuss the issue. There is dissent from IT employees. Based on discussions, we will look into what has to be done," he added.

But here's the catch: many large and medium-scale IT companies based out of Karnataka, and specifically Bengaluru, are not debating or commenting on the matter – which they usually choose to do in other cases, a recent example being the proposed job reservation for Kannadigas in the private sector.

Employees reject proposal

Meanwhile, under the Karnataka State IT/ITeS Employees Union (KITU) banner, employees have opposed the proposal and started mobilizing opinion. The outreach includes social media and simple Google forms to unite against the proposal. Small gatherings outside corporate offices that talk about the cons of such a rule and how employees will be exploited, have become a common sight.

"This amendment will allow companies to go for a two-shift system instead of the currently existing three-shift system, and one-third of the workforce will be thrown out from employment," stated KITU's letter.

A customer success manager in an IT company in Bengaluru expressed apprehension about the proposal, "Since we are not sure what the whole bill entails, at the outset, if the intention is to increase productivity, this seems redundant. Individuals who are working global shifts do end up working more than their mandated work hours; this will only increase preptime, device time, and strain one's body."

He added that attrition may spike, especially among the top talent, and more than mid-level employees, opposition will come from the top as they are capable of doing their work in a few hours and would not want to dedicate 14 hours to their workplaces.

Another software developer emphasised that "these working conditions are built to exploit the best years of those under 30. Anyone over 35 with age or health conditions simply will not be able to keep up or be paid fairly. Where are any of the under-35-year-olds going to have time for any quality of life if they spend 14 hours solid at work?"

What about women staff?

If India is to become a global leader and achieve a GDP growth rate of 8%, women must account for more than half of the new workforce that needs to be created by 2030. Since the city's IT hub also contributes about 34% to 40% of the total IT exports of India, enabling women is incontestable.

If such a rule is passed, an average female employee would spend 12-14 hours in the office and another two hours commuting, at least thrice a week. Women are already performing unpaid labour at home and handling the responsibilities of raising children; this would only alienate them further. "Extending the workday to 14 hours could further discourage women from staying in the IT industry, intensifying the decline in the female workforce. Longer work hours would make it even more challenging to achieve a healthy work-life balance. This would undermine the IT industry's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policies, disproportionately affect women and other under-represented groups, and hinder efforts to create an inclusive workplace culture," said Rajiv Krishnan, Managing Director and CEO of Ma Foi Strategic Consultants.

Industry experts weigh in

While the intention behind the proposal might be to increase output, experts say the potential negative impacts on employee health and productivity outweigh the benefits. "There is a need for a more holistic approach that prioritizes employee well-being, which will ultimately lead to more sustainable and effective outcomes for both the workforce and industry as a whole," said Vishal Chopra, founder of Umwelt. AI, an employee engagement platform.

Ritesh Saraf, co-founder and CEO of Promilo, which provides network-based lead generation to customers, opined that companies must first navigate legal and regulatory challenges. "Public perception may suffer, harming the company's reputation and brand image, while competitors offering better work-life balance might attract top talent. Despite potential short-term productivity gains, the overall success of such a policy hinges on thoughtful implementation and prioritization of employee wellbeing," he said.

Physical to mental wellbeing

Medical professionals warned that prolonged workdays will not only lead to sleep deprivation, increasing risks for cardiovascular diseases, obesity and weakened immunity, but also increase the number of lifestyle diseases and cause musculoskeletal disorders.

"Employees working in the IT industry are prone to develop a lot of health problems due to continuous physical and mental stress of their work. Every job has targets, and an employee becomes overwhelmed when he or she is allotted unachievable targets, leading to a negative impact on the body. These need to be kept in check," said Dr Prashanth Krishna G, Director, Prashanth Group of Hospitals.

Dr Sachin Baliga, Consultant, Psychiatry, at Fortis Hospital, said that excessive labour disrupts the circadian rhythm, leading to sleep deprivation, which is crucial for overall wellbeing.

"Chronic sleep deficiency increases the risk of cardiovascular diseases, obesity, diabetes and weakened immune function. However, psychologically, the burden is significant, with elevated stress hormones potentially leading to anxiety, depression and burnout. Moreover, cognitive functions deteriorate, resulting in reduced concentration, memory lapse and impaired decision-making," he highlighted.

Meanwhile, Brunda MS, Consultant in Internal Medicine at Aster CMI Hospital, emphasized the importance of recognizing signs of overwork and prioritizing self-care, including maintaining a regular sleep schedule, creating a conducive sleep environment and managing stress.

BIG PICTURE

CRUX OF the matter

At present, labour laws permit up to 12 hours (10 hours + 2 hours overtime) of work. The IT sector, in its new proposal, states that employees in the IT/ITeS/BPO sector may be required or allowed to work more than 12 hours a day, not exceeding 125 hours in 3 continuous months

Statistics say the IT capital of the country employs over 1.5 million individuals in this sector. Karnataka also aims to become a leader in hosting the highest number of Global Capability Centres on its home turf by 2030. IT-BT officials, on assurance of anonymity, said this proposal can fuel the state's GCC growth and invite more business on a global scale

'A Comparative Analysis: Causes of Stress Among Employees and its Effect on Performance At the Workplace in Agricultural Research and Information Technology Sectors' published by the All India Management Association, found that 53% of Indian employees feel stressed due to long working hours and heavy workloads

Senior BJP leader CH Vijayashankar seeks the blessing of Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swami in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Vijayashankar made Meghalaya Guv, his loyalty to BJP pays

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

Four decades ago, CH Vijayashankar embarked on a journey from a village in Haveri district to fertile lands of Hunsur in Mysuru district in search of employment. Supported by his sister, who had moved there after her marriage, Vijayashankar joined the family cement business. This venture marked the beginning of a remarkable journey for Vijayshankar who made a gradual foray into politics and eventually leading him to the highest political echelons. He has now been appointed the governor of Meghalaya by the President of India

A BA graduate, Vijayashankar's political career started with Congress in the early 1990s. In 1991, he contested the Hunsur Assembly by-election as a BJP candidate but lost. But in 1994, he won from the same constituency on a BJP ticket, marking his rise in state politics. By 1998, he had secured a place in national politics by winning the Lok Sabha elections from Mysuru, though he lost the subsequent election to Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar. He made a comeback in 2004, defeating the same opponent and serving as an MP during the NDA rule.

He suffered a setback in the 2009 Lok Sabha elections and returned to state politics, becoming an MLC and minister in Yediyurappa's cabinet. His tenure as forest minister was particularly noted for its impactful initiatives. After Yediyurappa resigned, Vijayashankar faced political turbulence, but remained with BJP, even when Yediyurappa quit BJP to float his own party.

In 2019, Vijayashankar briefly joined Congress but returned to BJP in 2020.

Vijayshankar revealed that on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally acknowledged his contributions.

Expressing his gratitude for the appointment, Vijayashankar said, "The party recognises and values a disciplined karyakarta dedicated to strengthening the organisation."

Discussion in political circles is that former minister KS Eshwarappa was considered for a governor's post, but his expulsion from the party during the Lok Sabha polls made the party choose another Kuruba community leader Vijayashankar.

BJP-JDS 7-day padayatra from Aug 3

Bengaluru: To corner the Congress-led state government over various scams, the BJP and its ally JDS will take out a padayatra from Bengaluru to Mysuru, a distance of 139 km, from August 3. A BJP-JDS coordination meeting, chaired by BJP state president BY Vijayendra, here on Sunday decided to take out the seven-day protest march to put the government on the mat regarding the Valmiki corporation and MUDA scams as well as diversion of SC and ST funds for other purposes. BJP leader and former CM B S Yediyurappa and JDS leader and Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy will launch the padayatra, and take part in it. On the conclusion of the march on August 10, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and other central BJP leaders be in attendance. At the coordination meeting, attended by Joshi and Kumaraswamy, leaders of both parties discussed the scams. They alleged that Rs 187 crore has been misappropriated in the Valmiki corporation scam and crores of rupees in the MUDA scam. Yediyurappa appealed to the people to join their fight to remove the "corrupt" Congress government. "Both the parties will fight together and thousands of people will join us," he said. "The agitation will not stop till the chief minister resigns. If the CM has the slightest self-respect, he should resign." Joshi said, "This is a cent per cent corrupt government. Therefore, we will continue the fight to increase public awareness and will also take up this issue legally." ENS

FM: IS IT 'NYAY' TO SIPHON OFF SC FUNDS?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

LASHING out at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman on Sunday asked him whether it's "nyay" (justice) to "siphon off" funds meant for the welfare of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities.

Sitaraman's response came after media persons drew her attention to Siddaramaiah seeking her resignation as she as finance minister is responsible for the Union Bank of India officials who are allegedly involved in the Rs 187.33-crore scam in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Schedule Tribe Development Corporation.

She clarified that she had already taken action against the accused bank officials and asked what action Siddaramaiah took on his part. "Action was taken against conniving bank officials and further action will be taken against them. No protection will be offered to them for sure," she said.

Sitharaman accused Siddaramaiah of concealing facts and trying to pass the blame on to the central government because officials of a nationalised bank were involved. "They (Congress) talk about nyay during election campaigns. Is this nyay for SC and ST communities?" she said.

She asked Siddaramaiah how the minister involved in the scam and he as chief minister, who holds the finance portfolio, did not stop the bank from illegally transferring money.

"You denied the whole thing, your minister did not even resign. And regarding the money which has gone into private accounts, you go to the Assembly to say it's not Rs 180 crore or Rs 140 crore, it's only some Rs 80 crore. You are concealing it, sir. Such outrageous things are happening particularly with SC and ST funds," the FM said.

'Industries fleeing Karnataka'

Sitaraman claimed that because of the deteriorating law and order situation, industries are leaving Karnataka. "Because of the worsening law and order situation, industries are fretting and fleeing and I don't want to name the companies," she said.

She remarked that inflation has gone above the national average because of the hike in prices of fuel by Rs 3 and Rs 3.5 a litre, Rs 5 on milk, hike in property guidance value by 25-30 per cent, stamp duty charges by 200-500 per cent, vehicle registration fee by 3 per cent and additional life-time tax of 10 per cent imposed on electric vehicles. With no investment on capital expenditure, jobs were not being getting generated, she added.

Replying to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's remark that her budget was a copy of the Congress manifesto, Sitaraman said the schemes of the grand old party were "mere tokenism". "We have not just announced internships for the youth, but are also imparting skills and ensuring jobs," she said.

BJP state chief BY Vijayendra and party workers welcome Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to the party office in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Nirmala: Budget announcements will benefit state

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"THERE is no comparison... but why is this 'wrong prachar' going on," she wondered.

Under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure, states are provided 50-year interest-free loans, whose interest is borne by the Centre. "This is done beyond the Finance Commission's recommendation. The PM took this step as he feels the states should be steadfast in developing their infrastructure after the onslaught of Covid," she added.

Under the scheme, Rs 305 core was allocated in 2020-21, Rs 452 crore in 2021-22, Rs 3,399 crore in 2022-23, Rs 3,879 crore in 2023-24 and Rs 2,006 crore in 2024-25. By the end of this financial year, the state would have received Rs 10,041 crore in total, she claimed.

Under the Railways, Rs 7,559 crore was allocated in this budget, while it was a mere Rs 835 crore annually between 2009 and 2014, she said. The announcements in the budget, including schemes for the youth, MSMEs, agriculture R&D and Rs 1,000 crore venture capital for space vertical, will also benefit Bengaluru and Karnataka, she said.

Siddu must visit TN, convince Stalin to agree to Mekedatu project: HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H D Kumaraswamy on Sunday called upon Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to lead a delegation of ministers and experts to Tamil Nadu, and convince his counterpart MK Stalin to agree to the construction of a balancing water reservoir at Mekedatu.

"A few days ago, former PM H D Deve Gowda and I met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and held discussions on the Cauvery water sharing dispute and justice for Karnataka. The Jal Shakti Ministry had also agreed to hold a meeting in a few days to take a decision to resolve the issue," he told reporters on Sunday.

"However, the Congress government had accused me of not attending the all-party meeting to discuss the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) directive to Karnataka to release one tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu till July-end. But prior to the meeting, the government had already taken the decision to release 8,000 cusecs of water. So there was no need for the meeting, he said.

He said Deve Gowda will raise the issue in the Rajya Sabha on Monday. "I will attend as I represent Mandya constituency. We are expecting MPs from Tamil Nadu to oppose the issue," he said.

"Siddaramaiah must discuss the large amount of water that is reaching the sea without being utilised for irrigation and drinking purposes. There should be a technical discussion. Congress leaders must realise that due to the efforts of Deve Gowda, the CWRC had awarded 14 tmcft more to Karnataka. The Congress government must hold discussions with Tamil Nadu to take up the construction of the Mekedatu project."

Minister H D Kumaraswamy speaks at a party workers' meet in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

HDK MADE TO WAIT AS GOVT GUEST HOUSE LOCKED IN NANJANGUD

Mysuru: JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy, despite being a Union minister, was made to wait for over 15 minutes outside the Nanjangud Government Guest House as the meti, the person who is in charge of the guesthouse, was untraceable. When JDS leaders and workers failed to contact the meti, Kumaraswamy rushed off to Mysuru to attend the party workers' meeting. The incident happened on Sunday morning when Kumaraswamy, JDS former MLA SR Mahesh and other leaders visited Nanjangud for a darshan at the Srikanteshwara Swamy temple. After performing pujas, Kumaraswamy and his retinue wanted to go to the guesthouse to take some rest before leaving for Mysuru. But to their shock, the guesthouse was locked and JDS workers and leaders could not contact the meti. All the while, Kumaraswamy sat in the car waiting. As the clock ticked by and there seemed to be no solution, Kumaraswamy chose to leave the temple town as he had to attend the party workers' meeting at a private hotel on Bogadi Road on Mysuru outskirts around 9.30 am. Deputy Commissioner Reddy, who has ordered an inquiry, said action will be taken against the guilty for the lapses. ENS

APCC chief YS Sharmila lashed out at her brother and former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for not attending the Assembly session, on the pretext of not being given the LoP post. She demanded that Jagan and his MLAs resign if they choose not to attend Assembly sessions

Delhi tragedy: Kerala, TG IAS aspirants drown

Nevin Dalvin was researching museology; Tania Soni was studying to change the system

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

SHOCK, sadness and disbelief were writ large on the faces of the relatives of 28-year-old Nevin Dalvin, who was among the three civil service aspirants who drowned in Delhi, after the basement of a coaching centre was flooded, on Saturday.

They are unable to accept that Nevin, a brilliant student and researcher who aspired to be an IAS officer, is dead. The three students drowned after a drain burst led to the flooding of Rau's IAS Study Circle's basement library, in Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar.

Nevin's father Dalvin Suresh retired as a DSP, and his mother Lancelet TS is a professor at the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit (SSUS), Kalady. The public relations officer of SSUS, Jaleesh Peter said that Nevin did his MPhil and PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi.

A student holds a poster during a protest outside the building where three students drowned in the flooded basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle, in New Delhi on Sunday

"He was researching in museology and had submitted his thesis. However, he wanted to appear for the UPSC exams, and was attending Rau's coaching classes," he said.

Roji M John, the local MLA, said all steps needed to bring Nevin's body back are being taken.

Tania Soni, a 25-year-old civil service aspirant from Secunderabad, was also among the victims who died in the flood, on Saturday evening. Originally from Bihar, her family has been residing in Telangana. Her father, Vijay Kumar, is the Deputy General Manager at Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) in Mancherial.

Vijay Kumar was travelling to Lucknow in a train when he received the information of his daughter's demise. "He got down at Nagpur and rushed to Delhi," the official said.

Speaking to the media, Tania's brother Prateek said, "The girl who was studying so that she could change the system, has become a victim of the very system." He blamed the MCD and Rau's Institute for operate a library in the basement.

Union Minister and Secunderabad MP G Kishan Reddy took to X and wrote, "My office in Delhi is in contact with the police and other officials to ensure all necessary formalities are completed swiftly."

The third victim was from Uttar Pradesh.

BRINGING HOPE

AN ODE TO MOTHER CAUVERY, THE LIFELINE OF OUR REGION

DK Shivakumar

DK Shivakumar, KPCC President and Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka

THE rain gods have finally smiled on Karnataka soothing the parched lands, streams and rivers yearning for the elixir of life. Mother Cauvery has once again come to life in all her glory. She is brimming with water giving hopes of prosperity to millions of people in her path and quenching the thirst of the neighboring state as well. It is my good fortune that I have the opportunity to offer the traditional 'bagina' to her on behalf of the people of the State.

The people of Cauvery basin, including Bengaluru, were struggling for every drop of drinking water, let alone irrigation water, thanks to severe drought in the State. Goddess Chamundeshwari has blessed us with copious rains and the smiles are back.

To pay our obeisance to Mother Cauvery, our Government, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, will offer bagina on July 29, 2024. It is an auspicious occasion for us to be paying respect to our lifelines at Krishna Raja Sagara and Kabini reservoirs.

Cauvery is not just a river for us. She is emotion and she is devotion. Daughter of King Kavera and wife of Agasthya Maharshi, Cauvery took birth in the Brahmagiri hills of Kodagu. Kodavas revere Cauvery as their mother and kula devathe. Kodava culture is full of traditions and rituals praising her. Panje Mangesh Rayaru, a well-known poet from Kodagu, has praised her in his poems. Such is the importance of Cauvery that great literary works such as Kaviraja Marga of Sri Vijaya identify Karnataka with her.

Equated with river Ganga, Cauvery is considered to be one of the seven sacred rivers of India. It is a common ritual even today to recite 'Gangecha Yamunechaiva Godavari Saraswathi, Narmade Sindhu Cauvery Jalaismin Sannidhi Kuru' while taking bath.

Such is her sacredness that places of religious importance dot her path. From TalaCauvery in Kodagu to Sri Ranganath in Srirangapatna and Gajaranya Kshetra at Talakadu to Shilabedhi Kshetra at Shivanasamudra, her path is punctuated by places of great religious significance. There are about 700 temples along her path in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. It won't be hyperbole to say Cauvery is a blessing for the people of Kodagu, Mandya, Mysuru, Hassan, Bengaluru and surrounding areas. She has spread prosperity wherever she flows.

Legacy of KRS

The Wadiyars of Mysuru revered Mother Cauvery highly. It was the monumental foresight, determination and effort of Maharaja Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wadiyar, Sir M Visveswaraya and others in Mysuru kingdom which gave birth to Kannambadi, or what is popularly known as KRS. The construction of this reservoir started in 1911 and ended in 1932. More than 10,000 workers sweated it out to build this reservoir, which continues to water lakhs of acres and quench the thirst of crores of people. We owe the prosperity of this region to Mysuru Maharajas and Sir MV.

Nadaprabhu Kempegowda laid the foundation for Bengaluru 500 years ago. Perhaps he was aware that it would go on to become a global metropolis. He built over 300 lakes to fulfil water needs of the town. As the city grew, the lakes shrank and it was no more water self-sufficient. That is when Cauvery water was pumped to Bengaluru city from a distance of 100 km. Cauvery water quenches the thirst of more than a crore people of Bengaluru today. Mother Cauvery flows in the veins of Bengaluru, which has become one of the leading technology centres of the world.

Save Water

Cauvery isn't just water, it is the lifeline of our region. The recent water crisis has demonstrated that every drop of water is precious. Given the uncertainties around climate change, it is our bounden duty to conserve water. Be it for drinking purpose or for irrigation, we need to be mindful of the use of water. Our government is also creating awareness about water conservation. The mantra of water conservation must flow through our every vein, only then can we pass on a secure future to our children.

We have decided to organize 'Cauvery Aarti' on the lines of Ganga Aarti in Varanasi. We believe this is just a small token of our obeisance to the Mother, who continues to feed us and nurture us.

Shirur landslide: Search operations hit due to strong water current, rain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shirur (Uttara Kannada)

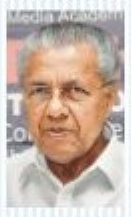
THE Uttara Kannada district administration has suspended the rescue operations for now, considering the heavy rainfall and current in the river. The fast flowing river, heavy rainfall, the inflow from the catchment areas and the poor visibility in the water has forced the district administration to suspend its rescue operations for now.

The decision has come after a meeting with all the organisations involved in the operations. Uttara Kannada Deputy Commissioner, Lakshmi Priya gave a hint in this regard stating that the efforts are not leading anywhere, and the operations will be suspended for a while. "The search operations were conducted at three points on Saturday, and Sunday. Eshwar Malpe searched at the fourth point as well. We are unable to do anything due to the high current. We will take a decision once the current slows down," she said.

District-in-charge minister Mankal Vaidya said that the operation will continue once the water level recedes. "We took experts opinion before pausing the search operations. We will resume the operations once the conditions are favourable," he said. He added that it is unfortunate that three bodies were still untraceable. "We will not stop. We are also worried about their dependents, and will assist their children in education and compensate them," he added.

He also added that emergency vehicles heading towards Mangalore will be allowed.

Kerala CM asks Siddu to continue search ops



Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan on Sunday wrote to his counterpart in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah, requesting that his government continue the rescue operations to find Arjun, the lorry driver from Kozhikode who went missing in a landslide at Shirur there recently. In the letter, Vijayan said his government appreciates the efforts taken by the teams engaged in the search-and-rescue operations to find the missing person. There have been reports that search operations have been stopped, he said, adding, "I earnestly urge you to give directions to continue the rescue operations till they yield positive results."

Hotel staffer on day's leave escapes death

ULLUVARE (UTTARA KANNADA): Huliyappa Gouda, a staff member at Lakshmana Naik's hotel, thanks his stars as he had an almost miraculous escape from death, on the fateful day of July 16, the day of the landslide. Gouda had been working with Naik for the last 15 years, and owns a patch of land and a house in Ulluvare. He made a living by working at Naik's hotel. "I would cross the river to reach the hotel and 7 am and returned by 3 pm everyday. Since I was late to sow the paddy seeds this year due to a delayed monsoon, I asked Naik for a couple of days' leave. We had an argument and settled for one day's leave," Gouda said. Gouda did not go to work on July 16, to sow seeds in his field, which saved him from the tragedy.

DyCM tells ministers to take up flood-relief works

Bengaluru: Karnataka DyCM DK Shivakumar on Sunday appealed to his cabinet colleagues to visit flood-hit areas in the state and attend to relief works. Speaking to reporters, he said Karnataka is experiencing heavy rain and most reservoirs are full. "Rivers are in spate as water is being released from reservoirs. There have been reports of damage to property, crops and livestock. As such, it is our duty to stand with our people," he said.

TRAINS CANCELLED

The landslide between Yedukumari and Kadagarvalli section of SWR's Mysuru Division has led to the cancellation of 7 pairs of trains which depart from Bengaluru for the few days.

- KSR Bengaluru-Kannur (Tr no 16511), from July 29 to Aug 3; Kannur-KSR Bengaluru (Tr no 16512), July 30 to Aug 4
- KSR Bengaluru-Karwar (Tr no 16595), from July 29 to Aug 3; Karwar-Bengaluru (Tr no 16591), July 30 to Aug 4
- SMVT Bengaluru-Murdeshwar (Tr no 16585), from July 29 to Aug 3; Murdeshwar-SMVT (Tr no 16585), July 30 to Aug 4
- Vijayapura-Mangaluru Central (Tr no 07377), from July 29 to Aug 3; Mangaluru Central-Vijayapura (Tr no 07378), July 30 to Aug 4
- Yesvantpur-Karwar (Tr no 16515), on July 29, 31 and Aug 2; Karwar-Yesvantpur (Tr no 16516), July 30, Aug 1 and 3
- Yesvantpur-Mangaluru Jn (Tr no. 16575), on July 30 and Aug 1; Mangaluru Jn-Yesvantpur (Tr no 16576), on July 31 and Aug 1
- Yesvantpur-Mangaluru Jn (Tr no 16539), on Aug 3; Mangaluru Jn-Yesvantpur (Tr no 16540), on Aug 4

AICC asks Kerala unit to identify those leaking info

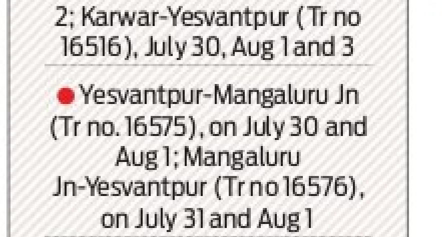
CYNTHIA CHANDRAN @ T'Puram

AMID the ongoing tiff between Congress state president K Sudhakaran and Opposition Leader V D Satheesan, the Congress High Command has asked the party's state unit to probe the leaking of false information to the media about critically sensitive matters discussed in confidential party meetings.

Deepa Das Munshi, AICC general secretary in-charge of the State, has directed the KPCC disciplinary committee chairman Thiruvanchur Radhakrishnan to identify those behind the episode so that disciplinary action can be taken against them. The note issued by Deepa DasMunshi has termed the current controversy as a "disturbing trend" within the KPCC which needs to be investigated and addressed with immediate effect. She also adds, "I have been noticing a very disturbing trend wherein some individual or individuals from within the party in many occasions seem to be leaking".

The central leadership's move has brought relief to both the warring leaders. But Sudhakaran has an edge as his complaint that when things were going smooth, Satheesan camp played spoilsport by coming up with news that all is not well at Indira Bhavan. This had enraged Sudhakaran as this incident had happened immediately after the two-day-long Wayanad camp executive meetings.

TN opens Mettur Dam after delay of 46 days



CHENNAI: Missing the traditional opening date of June 12 by 46 days, the Mettur dam was finally opened for irrigation on the orders of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on Sunday. Minister KN Nehru — who opened the sluice gates — District Collector R Brindha Devi and other officials welcomed the rushing water with flowers. About 12,000 cusecs is being released currently and it is likely this quantum will be increased in the coming days. The dam could not be opened on the customary date as the storage level was too low, owing to the Karnataka government's refusal to release Cauvery water as per the monthly schedule stipulated by the Supreme Court. However, following continuous rains in the Cauvery catchment areas of Karnataka which resulted in all four of its dams across the river to overflow, a surplus of 1.48 cusecs is being released currently. Considering the rains are continuing, this increased inflow is likely to continue for the next three days. **ENS**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works on Partial Turnkey Basis:

(1) Replacement of 11kV Switchgears works coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle at 66/11kV Chandrappa Circle Substation**(CALL-2) (Reserved for SC).**

(2) Replacement of 11kV Switchgears works coming under the jurisdiction of Ramanagara Circle at 66/11kV T.G.Halli Substation**(CALL-2).**

(3) Removal of sludge from the oil of released good 12.5MVA NGEF make power transformer by hot oil circulation & filtration method, replacement of gasket at 66/11kV Bevoor Sub-station coming under TL&SS Division TK Halli **(CALL-2).**

The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or after **29.07.2024** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper Link **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

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Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Karnataka State Financial Corporation under Securitisation and Reconstruction of financial assets and Enforcement of security interest (second) Act 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and In exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Issued a demand notice dated: 23-04-2024 calling upon the borrower (1) Shri Kallappa Jakkappa Patil Proprietor M/s Sai Lodging and Boarding, No.34, Ward No.5, Samartha Nagar, Khanapur, Dist: Belagavi (2) Smt Malakamma Kallappa Patil Personal Gurantor of M/s Sai Lodging and Boarding and (3) Sri Yallappa Kallappa Patil Personal Gurantor M/s Sai Lodging and Boarding Plot No.34, Ward No.5, Samartha Nagar, Khanapur, Dist: Belagavi to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.4,29,85,563-13 as on 10-04-2024 (Rupees- Four Crore Twenty Nine lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty three and Thirteen Paisa Only) as within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower and PG / Collateral Security Owner having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred to them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rule on this 11th day of July 2024 of the year.

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Description of the Immovable Properties:

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East : Property of Chougle Brothers **West** : 20' wide plot road
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Place: Belagavi **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER**
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EDITORIAL

There is one, and only one, thing in modern society more hideous than crime—namely, repressive justice

Simone Weil

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— Ramnath Goenka

GOOD START ON JOB CREATION BUT MORE STEPS ARE NEEDED

ENDING years of handwringing, the NDA government has finally decided to tackle the issue of high unemployment in the country. Last week, presenting Budget 2025, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave job creation the greatest shot of adrenaline, rolling out five new schemes with an unprecedented outlay of ₹2 lakh crore. The proposed package is expected to facilitate employment and provide skilling for over 4 crore youth over the next five years. The schemes have several moving parts, but broadly, they are aimed at fresh hires, who are being lured with direct cash transfers, and employers, who are rewarded with monthly EPFO reimbursements for two years for every additional employee added to the workforce. Then there are initiatives to incentivise job creation in manufacturing, besides programmes to enhance skilling, women workforce participation, support to MSMEs and others.

Skilling has been one of the biggest problems as our youth are simply not employable. Some 65% of India's fast-growing population is under 35, but many lack the skills needed, according to the Economic Survey. Shockingly, one in every two coming out of college is not readily employable. Perhaps this is where the Budget's internship programme comes in handy. The top 500 companies are given a gigantic task to create one crore internships in five years. By way of support, the government vowed to foot the bill, mostly, but the scheme's success depends on whether India Inc has the courage to commit. Few believe they will oblige. The other initiative to upgrade 1,000 industrial training institutes in collaboration with states and industry is expected to benefit 20 lakh students, but the scheme isn't stamped from any nobler metal than existing collaborations.

The other schemes namely the employment-linked incentives are clearly aimed at increasing formal sector employment. As official data showed, India's informal sector alone employs over 11 crore and this is an area the government is attempting to streamline. Both the cash transfers and employer incentives are linked to EPFO database, but the outcome of these schemes is like forecasting whether a tossed coin will come down as a head or a tail. For, companies simply won't increase hiring based on financial incentives, but depending on their demand and supply growth projections. In sum, it's a good start, but as they say, the first pancake is always lumpy and so subsequent budgets must build on these schemes to make them work.

DELIVERABLES IN MODI'S PROPOSED UKRAINE VISIT

As optics go, the widely speculated visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Ukraine next month could draw the biggest global eyeballs, especially after his Moscow trip earlier this month drew negative vibes from the Western bloc. Moscow was Modi's first port of call after beating anti-incumbency for the third consecutive time to lead the nation, a rarity in a functioning democracy. His warm embrace of President Vladimir Putin that day turned out to be a PR disaster as a Russian missile had by mistake flattened a children's hospital in Ukraine hours ago. Outspoken Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had shared his dismay over Modi's timing, saying it was a devastating blow to the peace efforts. US diplomat Donald Lu, too, expressed disappointment, drawing a loaded barb from the Indian foreign office, which said the country was free to decide whom it wanted to connect with. If Modi's one-liner last year to Putin saying this is not the era of war, was universally hailed, this time around he said peace does not flow from the battlefield. A Kremlin spokesperson had shared that Modi floated some peace proposals during his dialogue with Putin but didn't elaborate. The prime minister can be expected to bring them up if he were to land in Kyiv, his first to the war-torn country since the Russian invasion in 2022. Foreign minister S Jaishankar is said to have already done some spadework for the Ukrainian bilateral.

After more than two years of bloodshed, both sides realise they are locked in a bruising war neither can decisively win. Putin's Western isolation has not harmed him and his economy. But his continuous pounding of Ukraine hasn't broken its spirit either. The tough part now is to formulate win-win rules of disengagement. While Putin intends to stay put on the grabbed land, Zelenskyy wants complete withdrawal of the occupation forces. Ukraine's NATO door is also wide open.

Hungarian premier Viktor Orban did some shuttle diplomacy in Kyiv, Moscow and Beijing, but was discarded by the West as a Putin stooge. China suggested the setting up of a Russia-Ukraine talks table. But it's not a neutral player. Besides, if Donald Trump were to win the US elections, it could change the Ukraine dynamics. Modi's proposed visit would come amid such complexities. If he could yet find an acceptable middle ground, it would serve the global good.

QUICK TAKE

BALL IN BRITAIN'S COURT

AFTER more than a decade of conversations and two years of focused work, India and the US signed a pact last Friday to facilitate the return of smuggled artifacts. It created a framework for bringing back the stolen antiquities and preventing future pilferage. While the US has been a big market for such goods in recent decades, the largest loot of Indian treasures is obviously in Britain. Unlike in the US, the UK's museum treasures belong to its people. That's a legal shield Britain has used to avoid giving them back. But it's for the country's new government, eager to close a free trade deal with India, to get around.

The new criminal codes have expanded police powers. Rather than getting rid of the colonial legacy, they have perpetuated it. The quicker these laws are shelved, the better it is for the nation

THE NEED FOR BETTER CRIMINAL LAWS AGAIN

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WHAT the government needs is a change in its mindset. The enactment of the three new criminal laws made effective from July 1, 2024 suggests that this government's mindset is far more damaging than that of our colonial masters.

I would have thought after almost 75 years of the making of our Republic, especially in the context of Supreme Court's iconic judgements on the importance of our freedoms, the government would have rationalised our criminal laws in tune with contemporary liberal thoughts. Instead, the new criminal laws have expanded police powers and rather than getting rid of the colonial legacy, perpetuated it. Prior to independence, the Code of Criminal Procedure allowed the police to arrest a person based on suspicion and keep him in custody for 15 days from the date of arrest subject, of course, to the orders of the magistrate. This was a unique anti-democratic provision that the colonial masters used to imprison, threaten, extract confessions and strike terror in the minds of people. In no other country in the democratic world is there a criminal law with comparable provision. If this government really wanted a change and unburden itself from the legacy of such provisions, it would have deleted the very concept of police custody of 15 days after arrest.

The new Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), instead stipulates that the 15-day police custody will not be counted from the date of arrest, but can be spread over 40 days, where a chargesheet is to be filed within 60 days. Where the chargesheet is to be filed within 90 days, it can be spread over 60 days. The added caveat is that such a procedure will not disentitle the accused to move for a bail. We all know that in the midst of an investigation, no judge and I mean 'no judge' will ever grant bail. So the consequence is that the fate of a person arrested is sealed for at least 60 or 90 days, during which he will not be granted bail, even if ultimately it is found that there is no case against him.

The other major change in the new code is that a police officer anywhere in India is entitled to arrest a person, even if the offence is committed outside his jurisdiction. That is not all. Such a police officer can investigate an alleged offence and upon its completion, will have to file a charge sheet before the magistrate within whose jurisdiction the offence was committed. Simply said, an offence in Uttar Pradesh can be investigated by the Gujarat police and upon investigation, the charge sheet will be filed before the magistrate in Uttar Pradesh. This violates the federal principle enshrined in our Constitution. Given this government's mindset, they will direct the police to investigate offences all over the country and target who they want. This is anathema to any acceptable principle of criminal jurisprudence.

Let's now move on to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS). Some of its provisions also display this government's feudal and autocratic mindset. Under section 152, a person is liable to imprisonment for life or a term that may be extended to 7 years if he "by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation, or by electronic communication or by use of financial mean, or otherwise, excites or attempts to excite, secession or armed rebellion or subversive activities, or encourages feelings of separatist activities or endangers sovereignty or unity and integrity of India". Such words that cannot define particular acts are obviously liable to be misused. This covers print media, electronic media, hoardings and all other forms of expression. I can't imagine how this government is proclaiming that by making these changes, it is getting rid of colonial legacy.

Even worse are provisions that define a terrorist act. Under section 113, any person who does an act "with the intent to threaten or likely to threaten the unity, integrity or economic security of India, to cause loss or damage or destruction of property or disrupting services or supplies essential to the life of the community, seeks to overawe by show of criminal force or attempts to do so or causes death of any public functionary will be charged for having committed a terrorist act". A person who voluntarily harbours or conceals any person who has committed such an act is also liable to be punished. I guess, bandhs organised that might disrupt supplies, damage public property in the course of public outrage, and attempts to thwart arbitrary acts will also be regarded as terrorist acts. Therefore, a farmer's protest resulting in damage to public property would be regarded as a terrorist act and those voluntarily harbouring such protesters are also liable to be imprisoned for not less than 3 years.

Another provision reflective of the mindset of this government is section 111, which defines organised crime and refers to "continuing unlawful activity including an economic offence involving breach of trust or forgery or a scheme of defrauding persons or a bank or a financial institution for monetary benefit if carried out by 2 or more people". Such activity might result in a possible punishment of death or imprisonment for life. This section only applies to people against whom a charge sheet relating to similar offences has been filed in the preceding 10 years and in which the court has taken cognisance.

These are some more significant examples of the manner in which and the mindset with which these laws have been drafted. The problem is with the implementation of such laws, which have a broad arbitrary brush, by police officers who may, subject to their subjective satisfaction, randomly arrest and exploit people.

Ironically, many of the provisions of the BNS overlap with those of other special laws like the UAPA.

It is unfortunate that the home minister, without involving and ascertaining the views of eminent legal minds, has pushed through these laws. We have seen, in the last 10 years, how some other legislations have been used to target those who are perceived to be critical of the present establishment. The quicker these laws are shelved, the better it is for my countrymen.

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RECLAIMING GOD'S NAME TO PROTECT AGAINST FAKE TEACHERS

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

CROOKED babas sometimes shame Hinduism whereas the religion's uniqueness is followers are considered capable of forming an independent relationship with God. Saints have repeatedly stressed that *'naam'* or 'God's Name' is the only *kavach* or protection in this epoch of *Kalyug*, an era in which *dharma* or right conduct drops to its lowest proportion. Anticipating the festival season that restarts next month with Janmashtami, let's recall some *dharma* points from Indian spiritual heritage.

Followers of *Sanatana Dharma* consider the *Mahabharata* the *saar* or essence of the four Vedas, which is why this *itihasa* or epic is called 'the Fifth Veda'. Not only does the *Mahabharata* contain the *Ramayana* retold, but also five conversations cherished as the *Pancharatna* or Five Gems. Vyasa's version of the *Ramayana* appears in the *Vana Parva* or forest section. It is one of the most popular passages in Indian literature, describing the 12 years the Pandavas spent in the forest and their adventures there.

Rishi Markandeya visited the Pandavas twice in exile, once in the Kamyaka forest to the west of the Kurukshetra plain, and another time in the Dvaitavana forest on the border of the Thar Desert. One time, his visit coincided with Krishna's. This rishi was a favourite as he was an excellent storyteller. They liked to sit around him and enjoy story sessions. One time, Draupadi was kidnapped by Jayadratha and rescued by Bhima and Arjuna, and Yudhishthira sadly wondered if any man was ever made to suffer as him. That's when he was told the story of how Sri Rama, a much worthier hero, was deprived of his kingdom, after which his wife was kidnapped.

Incidentally, another tale we ironically neglect is the epic of Utanka's error. We find this episode in the *Aashwamedhika Parva*. As Krishna returned to Dwaraka in his chariot, he passed through "a desert ill-supplied with water", where he chanced on a wandering ascetic, Utanka, described caustically by Vyasa as "the foremost of the learned". You shiver in anticipatory fear as master-narrator Vyasa, with his killer instinct for *'chiaroscuro'* or light-and-shade, just has to be setting up this seemingly incidental person for a big fall.

Krishna and Utanka exchanged fond greetings. Utanka asked for news. He was devastated to hear about Kurukshetra and wanted to curse Krishna for letting it happen. Krishna patiently explained his avatar's purpose of restoring *dharmic* balance and Utanka was pacified. He begged to see the *Visvarupa*; Krishna let him! So besides Arjuna at Kurukshetra and partly Yashoda when she looked into Krishna's open mouth, it's Utanka who beheld "Vasudeva's universal form, endowed with mighty arms, blazing with the fire of a thousand suns, filling all space, with faces on every side". And Utanka said, "O You, whose handiwork is the universe, I bow to You. O parent of all things, You fill the firmament."

KOTOM

> Hinduism is sometimes shamed by crooked babas. The uniqueness of the religion is that followers are considered capable of forming an independent relationship with God. Saints have repeatedly stressed that God's name is all the protection we need

Krishna granted Utanka a parting boon that he would always find water when thirsty, if he thought of Him. Desperately thirsty soon after, Utanka called to Krishna, but no sparkling fountain manifested. Instead, a Chandala (outcaste) appeared, who invited Utanka to quench his thirst from his gourd. Outraged, Utanka refused. Despite many pleas and protestations by the Chandala, Utanka furiously said no, so finally the apparition vanished. Alas, it was none but Indra, lord of the celestials, who, when asked by Krishna to give Utanka a drink of *amrita*, the nectar of immortality, insisted Utanka be first put to an appropriate test. "Your fault has been great," said Krishna to the weeping Utanka, who, understanding nothing, not even the significance of *Visvarupa-darshan*, let Krishna down. "However," said Krishna, "I will keep my word. Sudden clouds will shower water in the desert; they shall be called 'Utanka-clouds'." And they are: a stark reminder to transcend false divisions.

Just so, the Five Gems are greatly prized as they are mini-compendiums of spiritual teachings. The *Pancharatna* passages are called the *Yaksha Prashna*, the *Vidur Niti*, the *Sanat Sujatiyam*, the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Vishnu Sahasranamam*.

The *Yaksha Prashna* is the famous 'riddle test' on philosophy and morals that a lake spirit disguised as a crane asks Yudhisthira. This episode is a thought-provoking passage on life choices. The spirit is actually Yudhishthira's heavenly father, Yama, disguised to test his son's values and morals.

So, in the middle of a war story we hear the question, "What is the highest duty in the world?" and Yudhishthira's moving answer, "To abstain from injury is the highest of all duties." Yudhishthira's insightful nature shines through and sets a gold standard of behaviour worthy of a *'Dharmaputra'*.

The *Vidur Niti* is the conversation between wise Vidura and King Dhritarashtra about best practices in managing worldly affairs and preparing for the afterlife. The *Sanat Sujatiyam* is a follow-up conversation, a *dharma* capsule about immortality as disclosed to Dhritarashtra by a celestial sage summoned by Vidura. The complex *Bhagavad Gita*, revealed by Krishna to Arjuna, is the best-known of the Five Gems. But in some places, it is exceeded in popularity by the simpler *Vishnu Sahasranamam*.

The battle of Kurukshetra is over. Yudhisthira is now king. He asks Krishna some very precise questions about God. Krishna directs him to where Bhishma lies on his bed of arrows. Bhishma answers with the *Vishnu Sahasranamam* and says, "The Person I've described is right here; He's Krishna." Four generations in South India have been thrilled to have M S Subbulakshmi's recording of this paean. Isn't it time we reclaimed this *Naam Granth* to protect ourselves from fake teachers?

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Historic visit

Ref: *Speculation rife on Modi's August visit to Ukraine* (Jul 28). PM Narendra Modi's planned visit to Ukraine is historic. While India has not explicitly condemned the Russian invasion, it called for an international probe into the 2022 Bucha massacre.
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Multipolar world

PM Modi's visit to Ukraine will be historic as it will be the first ever visit by an Indian PM to the country after it became independent from the Soviet Union. Earlier, his visit to Russia attracted a lot of criticism from the US and European nations, but India stood by its stance that in a multipolar world, all countries have the freedom to choose allies.
M Pradyu, Kannur

Childish behaviour

Ref: *Didi walks out of NITI Aayog meeting* (Jul 28). West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee walking out of the NITI Aayog meeting for not being allowed to speak beyond five minutes is highly childish and irresponsible. Her allegation of her mike being switched off during her speech sounds similar to the allegation made by Rahul Gandhi when he complained of the same in the Lok Sabha.
K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Didi's complaint

Mamata Banerjee walking out of the meeting doesn't augur well for her stature. It is the norm to press the bell to remind the speaker to end the speech. There is an option to register one's dissent, which she could have done. Others have no issues about the conduct of the meeting, so Didi's complaint is beyond what meets the eye.
H P Murali, Bengaluru

Exacerbating divisions

Many political leaders have emphasised the importance of conducting state-specific caste surveys in recent times. How can caste-based surveys, reservations and initiatives help eliminate caste in society? Surveys on social, educational and economic backwardness can identify individuals who require government assistance. Caste-based initiatives would exacerbate social divisions and create conflict.
K Venkatasubramanian, Coimbatore

Money waste

The recent move of the Odisha government to spend crores to rebrand welfare schemes named after former CM Biju Patnaik is preposterous and a waste of money. One cannot wipe away the former CM or his son Naveen Patnaik's role in the state's development merely by renaming or rebranding the schemes introduced by them.
R Sriramprasad, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Anurag Thakur @ianuragthakur
Three bright young kids drown in the basement in the country's capital. Arvind Kejriwal has brought Delhi to this situation.

Bhupinder S Hooda @BhupinderShooda
Ever since BJP has come to power, it has been continuously attacking the reservation and rights of Dalits, backward and deprived classes. Because BJP is completely afflicted with anti-poor mentality.

D Raja @ComradeDRaja
Students are the future of the country and incompetence of authorities, resulting in death, is unacceptable and condemnable.

Another round of governor reshuffle likely

Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir could be next in line after governors in eight states and one UT changed

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

Santosh K Gangwar

Lakshman P Acharya

Jishnu Dev Varma

Ramen Deka

Haribhau K Bagde

CH Vijayashankar

Om Prakash Mathur

Gulab Chand Kataria

CP Radhakrishnan

THE late Saturday night gubernatorial rejig for eight states and a UT has surprised many in the NDA circles. While states like Maharashtra and Assam got their governors changed, Uttar Pradesh remained untouched despite the likely end of the incumbent governor's term this month.

As per official communiqué, these appointments will take effect from the date the appointees will assume charge.

Sources, however, said another round of gubernatorial reshuffle is likely for Uttar Pradesh, J&K and some southern states. They also indicated that almost all governor appointees are likely to assume their charge in 3-4 days in poll-bound states such as Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

Lakshman Prasad Acharya has been appointed as the governor of Assam, a BJP-ruled state, and assigned with the additional charge of Manipur.

The most significant change has been in Punjab, where incumbent governor Banwari Lal Purohit resigned recently. He was replaced with Gulab Chand Kataria, a senior BJP veteran. Kataria will also be the administrator of Chandigarh.

Om Prakash Mathur whose name recently figured as one of the probable candidates for the LS Speaker, is appointed the new governor of Sikkim while incumbent Jharkhand governor CP Radhakrishnan is shifted to poll-bound Maharashtra. He had been holding additional charge of Telangana also.

Former Union minister labour and employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar has been appointed in Jharkhand, and former deputy CM of Tripura Jishnu Dev Varma in Telangana. Puducherry-UT has got a former IAS officer K Kailashnathan as new Lt governor.

Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde has replaced incumbent governor of Rajasthan Kalraj Mishra while former LS MP from Assam Ramen Deka has been made Chhattisgarh governor.

Another former MP from Karnataka CH Vijayashankar has been appointed as new governor of Meghalaya.

Will work together with Kataria, says Mann

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday said he would welcome Gulab Chand Kataria, the new governor of the state, and work in coordination with him. Mann said he respected outgoing governor Banwarilal Purohit but he tried to create an "atmosphere of conflict." On the appointment of the new governor, Mann said that he spoke to Kataria, who told him that he would take oath on July 31.

New C'garh guv among founders of Assam BJP

Ramen Deka, the governor-designate of Chhattisgarh, is among a few BJP leaders who built the party brick-by-brick in Assam. The 70-year-old is a founder member of the BJP and a two-time former LS MP. He served the party in various capacities including Assam general secretary, vice president, spokesperson and national secretary. He was a member of various central committees.

POWER GAMES

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Delhi Liquor Scam

ACB BEGINS FRESH PROBE TO LOOK AT NEW CHARGES

The Anti-Corruption Branch of the Delhi government has initiated a probe to look into the working of a discount system in the purchase of liquor by the Delhi government before the implementation of the new excise policy in 2021. The ACB has sent notices to liquor manufacturers who sold their products to the Delhi government between April 2017 and March 2020. The ACB is a part of the Delhi government but is controlled by the Lieutenant Governor who reports to the Central government. The ACB has asked the suppliers to explain how the discount system worked during the pre-2021 phase when they supplied liquor to the four corporations of the Delhi government, namely DSIIDC, DTTDC, DCCWS and DSCSC. Sources said that during the aforementioned period, the suppliers used to offer discounts to the Delhi government for early release of payments. The suppliers who offered one per cent discount received their payments within two weeks, and those who offered a two per cent discount got their payment within a week. The companies that did not offer any discount received payment for their supplies after a month or two. According to sources, the ACB has asked all the suppliers to submit their accounts for this period and may look into two aspects. One, if the discounts were paid officially and duly recorded in the account books and two, if some companies were paid early for their supplies without offering cash discounts to the government. Sources said the ACB is looking into allegations that cash payments were made for the release of dues. The Delhi government has been embroiled in an alleged scam relating to offering undue favours to a few companies in the sale and purchase of liquor in the state after the introduction of a new liquor policy in November 2021. Investigations by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate have resulted in the arrest of state chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and excise and finance minister Manish Sisodia.

Congress Shake-up

KHARGE TO APPOINT SIX NEW STATE INCHARGES

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge is likely to soon appoint at least half a dozen new state incharges. Sources said that the party has decided against giving the charge of more than one state to a general secretary or a state incharge. At least five AICC leaders hold the responsibility of looking after more than one state. These leaders are Ajoy Kumar, Dipak Babaria, Deepa Dasmunshi, Ghulam Ahmad Mir and Jitendra Singh. They may soon be divested of their additional charges. Besides, Devendra Yadav, who was incharge of Punjab, has now been appointed as Delhi state Congress president. The party has to appoint a new leader to look after Punjab. According to sources, some newly-elected MPs may be given charge of states. Besides the organisational shakeup, the party is also likely to soon appoint election incharges for the four states that are scheduled to go in for elections in the next few months. The party expects to do well in the upcoming state elections and is planning to put its best team in charge of these states. Sources said the party has already had a couple of meetings to deliberate on new appointments.

'Genocide in Gaza must stop', Priyanka Gandhi on Netanyahu's US speech

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

AS Israel's onslaught on Gaza continues, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi's fierce criticism of the Israeli government, which she called "barbaric", has caught the attention of public intellectuals and has been lauded by many.

Priyanka's recent response came after Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu was given a standing ovation on Wednesday during his address to the joint houses of the US Congress.

"It is no longer enough to speak up for the civilians, mothers, fathers, doctors, nurses, aid workers, journalists, teachers, writers, poets, senior citizens, and the thousands of innocent children who are being wiped out day after day by the horrific genocide taking place in Gaza," she wrote on X.

Further, she exhorted the global community to condemn Israel's "genocidal actions and force them to stop.

"It is the moral responsibility of every right thinking individual including all those Israeli citizens who do not believe in hatred and violence, and every government in the world to condemn the Israeli government's genocidal actions and force them to stop. Their actions are unacceptable in a world that professes civility and morality. Instead we are subjected to the image of the Israeli Prime Minister being given a standing ovation in the US Congress," she said.

Referring to Netanyahu's speech, she said, "He calls it 'a clash between barbarism and civilisation'. He is absolutely correct, except that it is him and his government that are barbaric and their barbarism is being given the unstinted support of most of the western world. It is truly a shame to watch," she added.

'Will PM go to Manipur before or after Ukraine?'

Amid speculation that PM Modi would visit Kyiv in August, the Congress on Sunday sought to know if Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh invited the PM to visit the strife-torn state before or after his Ukraine visit. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the people of Manipur are asking if Singh, who attended two meetings chaired by Modi in Delhi, also met him separately to discuss the situation in the state.

Centre, states must work in unison for Viksit Bharat: PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PM Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah & BJP chief JP Nadda with CMs of BJP-ruled states at party headquarters on Sunday | PTI

ADDRESSING a meeting of the CMs and deputy CMs of the BJP-ruled states, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said a coordinated effort by governments at the Centre and in states will help achieve the goal of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Both developing heritage and building a legacy of development have a special place in the idea of 'Viksit Bharat', Modi said on the second day of the meeting, called 'mukhyamantri parishad'.

The PM spoke at length about his government's agenda of making India a $5 trillion economy with a distinction of being world's third largest economy and stressed the importance of public participation in welfare measures, said leaders aware of the details of the meeting.

The meeting brainstormed on a host of issues ranging from success of the government schemes to political challenges emerging for the party in the wake of recent Lok Sabha elections.

The CMs and their deputies presented report cards of their governments' success in schemes and good governance practices. "They resolved to follow the call of PM Modi to ensure saturation coverage of welfare and development schemes in their states, which will set an example of good governance among beneficiaries," a BJP leader said.

UP CM Yogi Aditaynath reportedly made a presentation before the PM on the state's flagship programme 'Gram Sachivalaya' and its digitisation. Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma also made a presentation on his state's 'Rozgar Sangam Yojna', started to tackle unemployment, while Bihar's deputy CM Vijay Kumar Sinha made a presentation on state's success in checking illegal mining.

Union ministers Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah, and party president JP Nadda participated in the discussions on issues, strategies and challenges.

On Saturday, Modi emphasised the need to ensure saturation coverage of welfare schemes and said states ruled by the BJP should be seen as setting an example of good governance. "Our party is working tirelessly to further good governance and fulfil the aspirations of the people," the PM posted on X after the first day of the meeting.

The 'mukhyamantri parishad' is organised by the BJP at regular intervals to review key schemes in states and ensure good governance practices.

Jaishankar, Blinken discuss bilateral agenda ahead of Quad meet in Tokyo

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

THE bilateral agenda between India and the US was discussed in Tokyo on Sunday between External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken ahead of the Quad foreign ministers meeting that will be held on Monday.

"Great to catch up with Secretary Blinken in Tokyo today. Our bilateral agenda progresses steadily. Also had wide-ranging discussions on regional and global issues," said Dr Jaishankar.

Blinken also spoke about his meeting with Dr Jaishankar and said they spoke about regional peace. "Met with Dr Jaishankar to deepen US-India collaboration and affirm our shared commitment to regional peace, security and prosperity," said Blinken.

The duo met a day after a strong buzz about PM Modi visiting Ukraine next month. The narrative of their conversation would have probably changed from the US commenting that they were disappointed with PM Modi's Moscow visit to looking forward to Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Ukraine, possibly to negotiate a peace process.

Meanwhile, Dr Jaishankar began his Tokyo visit by unveiling a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Edogawa. The park where the bust was installed will be named as Gandhi Park.

Jaishankar interacts with the Indian diaspora in Tokyo | EXPRESS

"In India we think of Gandhi ji as the father of our nation. But for the world, he is actually a global icon. And we have to ask ourselves today why it is important to have this statue here," Jaishankar said.

"I can think of three reasons: One, that the achievements of Gandhiji have far outlived his own times, and have got more and more importance. Second, the message that Gandhiji gave through his life and through his work is timeless. What he taught us was important then, it is important even now. And three, I was told this is a place, somebody called it Little India, I hope it becomes bigger, but this is a place where the Indian community in Tokyo lives and gathers in large numbers," Jaishankar said.

"And I cannot think of a more appropriate occasion and a better way of strengthening bonds between India and Japan than by this event," the minister said. He said at present there was a lot of conflict in the world, lot of tension, polarization and bloodshed.

"It is very important that Gandhiji's message that solutions do not come from a battlefield. No era should be an era of war. That message applies today as much as it did 80 years ago," Dr Jaishankar said.

ASI to train overseas experts in heritage conservation

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

AS part of the government's assertion to help countries especially of the Global South in capacity building, and understanding, managing and conserving heritage properties, the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) will impart training to individuals or experts working in the field of archeology from abroad so that they can understand nuances of preparing a detailed dossier, protection plan and other reports to seek the coveted Unesco World Heritage tag.

According to the culture ministry officials, the training would be given at Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology located in Noida.

The officials said that the idea to facilitate and pass on the expertise India has gained to other countries, especially small nations, for conservation and preservation of their heritage sites, which go unnoticed.

"There are many heritage sites in small nations of the Global South or African countries, which should be inscribed on the World Heritage List. However, given the limited resources and knowledge, they are not able to make a case for the same," said officials privy to the developments.

Khadi creating new job avenues, biz crossed ₹1.5L cr for first time: Modi

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi urged the fellow citizens on Sunday to cheer for Indian athletes participating in Olympics in Paris, saying such events give athletes a chance to hoist the national flag at the international level.

While addressing his monthly programme 'Mann ki Baat', Modi spoke on a host of achievements made by common citizens in different parts of country. He also dwelt upon the growing importance of Khadi.

Khadi Gramodyog's business has crossed ₹1.5 lakh crore for the first time and asserted that the rising sales of Khadi and handloom were creating new job opportunities in large numbers, he stated.

Several people, who would not have used Khadi products earlier are now wearing them with great pride, highlighting the growing significance of Khadi in India.

Modi proudly announced that the Khadi Gramodyog's business has surpassed ₹1.5 lakh crore for the first time registering sharp rise of a 400 % in sales. The PM noted that the rising popularity of Khadi is generating substantial new job opportunities, with a significant number of these positions benefiting women.

PM Modi, pitching for wider use of Khadi products, requested the citizens to start wearing them. "You must have different types of clothes, and if you have not bought Khadi clothes, then now you should start buying them now," he said.

During the broadcast, he also interacted with Indian students who performed well in the recently held Mathematics Olympiad. "A few days ago, an Olympics also took place in the world of mathematics: the International Mathematics Olympiad. Indian students have performed very well in this Olympiad. Our team won four gold medals and one silver," Modi said.

The Prime Minister also took pride in including the 'Moidams' in Assam on the UNESCO World Heritage list, calling it a "moment of great joy for the country".

PM lauds women of Rohtak SHG

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday praised the handloom industry in Haryana's Rohtak district, particularly the women of the 'Unnati Self Help Group,' for forging ahead on their path to economic self-reliance through hard work and dedication.

While addressing the 112th episode of Mann Ki Baat, the PM said that over 250 women associated with the Self Help Group are now trained in block printing and dyeing. This training has not only enhanced their skills but also empowered them economically. These women are supporting their families and have become a source of inspiration in society.

"Earlier, they used to run small shops and do minor work to make ends meet but everyone had a desire to move forward, so they joined the Unnati Self Help Group. By joining this group, they got training in block printing and dyeing. Today, these women are earning in lakhs today with bed covers, saree and dupattas made by them having a huge demand in the market," he said.

BRIBE CASE IN MP

An official of the public works department was caught while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹10 lakh from a contractor in Madhya Pradesh's Narmadapuram district on Sunday, police said.

3 KILLED IN TRUCK ACCIDENT IN MP'S DEWAS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	27	Mumbai	30	27
Bhopal	30	25	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	32	27	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	36	29	Lucknow	37	29
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	31	28
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	36	20	Chandigarh	42	23

'Afghan war veterans behind strikes'

Footprints of attacks on Army indicate terrorists not ordinary militants, say security experts

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE recent terror strikes in Jammu and Kashmir suggest that the attackers are highly trained and they may be Afghan war veterans and retired Pakistani soldiers, security experts say.

There has been a surge in militant attacks in Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur, Kathua and Doda districts of Jammu region, in which at least 11 security personnel have been killed. On Saturday, a soldier was killed and four others, including a captain, were injured as the Army foiled an attack by Pakistan's Border Action Team (BAT) in the Kamakari sector of J&K's Kupwara district.

BAT generally comprises special forces personnel of the Pakistan Army and terrorists. On July 15, four army personnel, including a captain, were killed in Doda district.

Former J&K police chief SP Vaid said militants are ambushing the army men and then disappearing in the forest areas. "The footprint of these attacks makes it clear that the attackers are not ordinary militants. They are highly professional and well trained," Vaid said.

He said people from Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, who operated in Afghanistan, are being pushed in. "They are Afghan war veterans and they are being pushed into J&K to carry out terror attacks and disturb peace in the region".

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"It took them (ISI) two years to push them into J&K and now they have sneaked in and are carrying out the attacks. They come, attack and slip away," he said. "The militants are using US-made M-4 rifle and Chinese armour-piercing bullets," Vaidya, calling the situation in J&K alarming. Army's former northern command chief Lt Gen Deepender Singh Hooda said all attacks that have taken place in Jammu region have been carried out by Pakistani terrorists, who have infiltrated from across the border.

"There is speculation that they are retired Pakistani soldiers. Army's Northern commander and the army chief have also said it," Hooda said. "Militants are well-trained and well-equipped, and they have been sent specifically to carry out attacks in the Jammu region," he said.

According to him, there is a change of tactics by the militants. "Earlier a group of 3-4 militants used to carry out fidayeen attacks and fight till they die. Now there is complete change in tactics as they carry out ambushes and then disappear," Hooda said, adding that security forces also need to change their tactics to tackle the new militancy in Jammu region.

"When you have a new challenge, you have to respond and look for new ways of doing things. We have to redefine our strategy. We have to increase the number of troops in these areas and also re-energise the counter-terrorism grid," Hooda said.

Vaid also said the counter-infiltration grid should be further strengthened to prevent intrusion of militants from across the border. Hooda said,

"We were focusing too much on technology. We need to go back to the old idea of human intelligence. We have to re-energise the local support. Militancy in the Jammu region was driven out due to local support. The Gujjar and Bakerwal community has helped a lot in the past and we need to re-energise the contacts among the communities."

Shinde ups Maha ante on BJP, lays claim to 113 seats

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER winning seven out of 15 seats it contested in the Lok Sabha polls in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena is planning to contest 113 seats in assembly polls due later this year, sources said. Asserting his position in the BJP-led Mahayuti, Shinde on Sunday appointed 46 election in-charges and 93 party observers for 113 assembly seats.

"Shinde-led Shiv Sena is planning to contest 113 state assembly seats out of 288 in Maharashtra. As part of preparations, the assembly segment in-charges and observers are being appointed and given responsibility," a senior Shiv Sena leader said, requesting anonymity, "In the recent Lok Sabha elections, we made a lot of compromises with the BJP because we wanted BJP in state. The situation has changed now. Now BJP is more in need of Sena to run a smooth government in Delhi. After JD(U) and TDP, Shinde-led Sena is the third largest partner in NDA. Therefore, BJP has to concede more space to Sena in coalition politics," the leader said.

Earlier, Sena leader Ramdas Kadam also said they will not

succumb to the BJP's pressure tactics in assembly elections. "In LS polls, BJP by showing their internal survey snatched several seats from us. BJP contested 28 Lok Sabha seats and won only nine. BJP is no more stronger, therefore they need support of Sena," he said.

Amid growing pressure from the Sena, the BJP also started asserting its position and decided not to concede more seats to partners. "In the internal meeting, it was discussed that Ajit Pawar-led NCP should be given maximum 40 to 50 seats and 50 to 60 seats to Sena. If we leave more seats in assembly polls, then we may lose our dominance in Maharashtra. We have to grow though we are in dire need of the alliance," a BJP leader said.

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TMC member calls out Mamata over mistake

Samirul Islam, a Trinamool Congress (TMC) Rajya Sabha member, made history within the party by publicly correcting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. During the Martyrs' Day rally on July 21, Banerjee mistakenly credited poet Kazi Nazrul Islam with writing the song "Sare Jahan Se Acha," which was actually composed by Mohammad Allama Iqbal, a renowned poet of the Indian subcontinent. Senior TMC minister Aroop Biswas handed a note to CM, who, on reading it, publicly chastised Islam, saying, "I have named Iqbal as the composer and nobody else. Do not try to teach me all this. I have memorized the poem."

All eyes on state cabinet reshuffle

Mamata Banerjee has returned to Kolkata after a tumultuous visit to the Niti Aayog in New Delhi. Now all eyes are on Governor CV Ananda Bose to announce a date for the much-anticipated cabinet reshuffle. Speculations abound about potential changes, with some ministers expected to be dropped and new ones possibly being inducted. TMC leaders are anxious, awaiting the Governor's decision on the swearing-in ceremony. Earlier, ministers were restless due to delay in the proposed cabinet reshuffle. A file was sent earlier, which was not cleared, sources said.

Madhuparna Thakur's first public speech

Madhuparna Thakur, the youngest TMC candidate who recently won the Bagdah seat in a by-election, delivered her first public speech at the July 21 rally. Despite her victory, her speech lacked the appeal to the masses. TMC sources said she required training to improve her public speaking skills. In her speech, she suggested that her brother, BJP member Shantanu Thakur, should step down over health issues and entrust responsibilities to her, causing internal TMC concerns about her readiness for public addresses. Daughter of Rajya Sabha member Mamatabala Thakur, she made history by winning the Bagdah seat at the age of 25 years.

SP names 7-time MLA as LoP in UP Assembly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Lucknow

THE SP appointed seven-time MLA Mata Prasad Pandey leader of opposition (LoP) in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly and Manjhanpur legislator Indrajeet Saroj deputy leader of the party in the House on Sunday.

Pandey (82), MLA from Itwa in Siddharth Nagar district, will replace SP president Akhilesh Yadav, who resigned as MLA from Karhal seat in Mainpuri district after he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Kannauj. At a meeting held earlier at the SP headquarters here, party MLAs had authorised Akhilesh Yadav to choose the LoP.

In a statement, SP chief spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary said, "Akhilesh Yadav appointed Mata Prasad Pandey as leader of opposition in Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Indrajit Saroj as deputy leader." A five-time MLA, Saroj currently represents Kaushambi district's Manjhanpur constituency in the assembly.

The SP also appointed Kanth MLA Kamaal Akhtar as chief whip, Raniganj MLA Rakesh Kumar alias R K Verma as deputy whip, the release said.

Demand for new UT in J'khand a conspiracy to divide state, says JMM

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE JMM on Sunday strongly slammed BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's statement in Parliament that parts of Jharkhand and West Bengal be declared a union territory (UT) to deal with the challenges posed by illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.

Dubbing it a conspiracy to "divide" the state, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) warned the Centre that the party will take to the streets to oppose any such move.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha on Thursday, Dubey claimed that the adivasi population in the Santhal Pargana region of the state has declined and demanded that Malda and Murshidabad of West Bengal, Araria and Kishanganj, Katihar of Bihar and Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand be declared a union territory.

Coming down heavily on Dubey, JMM General Secretary and Spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya termed it a "conspiracy" to divide the three states. "It is nothing but a planned conspiracy of BJP to divide Jharkhand, West Bengal and Bihar. Jammu and Kashmir was divided on August 5, 2019 and after five years once again BJP is making efforts for another division in the country," said Bhattacharya.

The remark is not good for the state as it was made in Parliament and everything is on record, he added. The JMM spokesperson said that the seeds of division sowed by the BJP in the country will have an adverse effect in the future. Ever since Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was appointed as the co-in charge for Assembly polls in Jharkhand, society has been divided in the name of caste and religion.

What the MP said

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Monsoon fury: Pithoragarh cut off, critical roads blocked, 1.5 L affected

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

INCESSANT rain in the hill state of Uttarakhand has triggered a series of landslides, causing destruction and chaos. In Bageshwar district, five houses were damaged and several livestock killed after being trapped under heavy debris.

The district's transportation system has been severely disrupted, with 21 roads blocked due to heavy landslides, affecting over 60,000 people. Meanwhile, in Tehri Garhwal's Balganga area, the administration has evacuated the entire Toli village after two fatalities on Friday. Bhupendra Singh Mehar, District Disaster Management Officer of Pithoragarh, told this newspaper, "The Thal-Munsiyari route and Tawaghat-Lipulekh route in Pithoragarh district remained closed for the fourth consecutive day, hindering traffic movement".

"Of the 25 blocked roads, only seven routes have been reopened. Furthermore, all 31 motor roads leading to the China border and connecting routes remain shut, affecting a population of approximately 1.5 lakh people", DDMO Meher added.

NATURE'S WRATH

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Water level of the Kali river remained above the warning level for the third consecutive day, prompting the administration to issue a high alert along its banks.

The district witnessed continuous rainfall from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, leading to landslides that have destroyed pedestrian paths, leaving villagers stranded. "Seven families from Hokra hamlet have sought shelter in a panchayat house due to heavy rainfall and landslides, which have destroyed pedestrian paths and cut off rural areas from essential supplies", an official of the DDMO said.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has directed the district administration to immediately identify and evacuate residents of sensitive villages, including Tingarh. This comes after two fatalities were reported in Toli village, Balganga area, on Friday.

District Magistrate Mayur Dikshit stated, "The families of the deceased have been GIVEN relief cheques of ₹4 lakh each." He added that the residents of Tingarh village were evacuated and shifted to a relief camp.

Punjab highest fertilizer consumer, ranks 3rd in use of chemical pesticides

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB has emerged as the highest consumer of fertilizers, comprising nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphate and potash in the country as the average consumption of around 223 kg per hectare is significantly higher than the national average of 90 kg per hectare.

While the total consumption of chemical pesticides in Punjab has reached 5,270 MT thus it makes the state the third highest consumer of chemical pesticides in the country, following Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. Only 7,000 hectares is under organic farming.

The facts came to light in a reply of Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to a question asked by Satnam Singh Sandhu in the Rajya Sabha.

"The 15 districts of Punjab have kg per hectare consumption over state average of 254.39 during the year 2022-23. According to the State government, the per hectare consumption of fertilizers is towards higher side due to very high cropping intensity and primarily rice and wheat being grown. These crops demand higher amount of fertilizers," read the reply.

The state's average consumption of around 223 kg per hectare is significantly higher than the national average of 90 kg per hectare. The reply further added: "As per the information received from the Punjab government, out of the total gross cropped area of 78.71 lakh hectares, about 7,000 hectares are now under certified organic farming. The production of organic fertilizers has increased to 7407.066 MT during 2022-23 from 473.444 MT during 2021-22, indicating increase in production and use of organic fertilizers in Punjab."

"Farmers are being educated on proper fertilizer application, including the benefits of green manuring and gypsum application," the minister's reply read.

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PUNJAB CLASH

Mob ransacks police station, thrashes cops

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AFTER a heated argument between a shopkeeper and policemen at a check post over speeding, a mob allegedly barged into a police post in Ludhiana, vandalised it and thrashed an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) and other police personnel. Two alleged accused were arrested in the case.

Sources said that a mob broke the gate of the Shingar police post, forced their way inside and ransacked the office on Saturday night. Police officials said that issue began after a shopkeeper and his son riding a scooter were caught at a check post for speeding. The shopkeeper was brought to the police post but he managed to flee. Later, he brought some people along with him to the police station and barged into it.

A family member of the alleged accused said that the policemen on duty were drunk and they misbehaved with the duo.

Raj teacher suspended for joining rally demanding separate tribal state

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN a new twist to the tribal identity row that has rocked Rajasthan for the past month, the BJP government in the state has suspended Menka Damor, a tribal woman teacher, following her participation in a tribal rally in Banswara district a fortnight ago. The rally was called for the establishment of a separate Bheel/tribal state in India.

The largest organisation of Bhil Society, Adivasi Parivar, also participated in the rally. On this occasion, founder member of Adivasi Parivar Sanstha, Maneka Damor, said in the rally, "Women of the tribal community should not follow the instructions of the Pandits."

Adivasi Parivar Sanstha is spread across four states. During the rally, Damor made a bold statement, asserting that she neither wears a mangalsutra nor applies sindoor, emphasising that tribals are distinct from Hindus and do not

adhere to Hindu customs. She also criticized the recent efforts to saffronise government schools by highlighting the prevalence of Hindu deities and festivals in educational institutions across Rajasthan.

"Tribal women do not wear sindoor, do not wear mangalsutra. Women and girls of tribal society should focus on education. Stop all fasts from today. We are not Hindus. Our culture and that of the Hindu community are different. Our schools have been made the house of deities. Schools are temples of education; there should be no festivals there," Damor had stated at the rally.

The suspension of Damor has reignited the ongoing debate about Hindu versus Adivasi identity in the state, a controversy sparked by Education Minister Madan Dilawar's remarks a few weeks ago. Dilawar had suggested that Adivasis who do not consider themselves Hindus should undergo DNA testing to trace their ancestry.

This Maharally of the tribal community was organized at Mangarh pilgrimage in Banswara, the historical place of tribal community. Apart from Rajasthan, people of tribal community from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh reached the mega rally in large numbers.

During this rally, Bharat Adivasi Party's Banswara MP Rajkumar Roat stressed on creating Bhil Pradesh. He said that the demand for creating Bhil Pradesh is not a new thing. He said that BAP is raising this demand strongly from all forums.

19 killed
After a boat capsized in Ethiopia

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	29	25	LR	Los Angeles	34	20	SNY
Colombo	31	27	SNY	Melbourne	14	8	LR
Dhaka	34	28	LR	Moscow	24	13	SNY
Dubai	40	33	SNY	New York	29	20	SNY
Houston	27	24	LR	Singapore	32	28	SNY
Istanbul	32	24	SNY	Toronto	25	17	SNY
London	20	16	LR	Washington	24	13	SNY

LR: Light Rain ● HR: Heavy Rain ● TDS: Thundershower ● LC: Light Cloud ● SNY: Sunny

Israel vows retaliation for Hezbollah attack

12 young people, aged between 10 and 16, killed in Israeli-controlled Golan Heights

MAJDAL SHAMS

ISRAELI Defence Minister Yoav Gallant on Sunday vowed to "hit the enemy hard" after rocket fire from Lebanon killed 12 young people in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights and again raised fears that the war in Gaza will spread.

Iran warned Israel any new military "adventures" in Lebanon could lead to "unforeseen consequences". Western powers, including France and Germany, condemned the attack and appealed for calm.

The European Union called for an independent probe into what happened.

Israel's army called it "the deadliest attack on Israeli civilians" since the October 7 attack that began the war in Gaza and triggered regular exchanges of fire across the Lebanese border. Israel blamed Lebanon's Hezbollah movement for firing a Falaq-1 Iranian rocket but the Iran-backed group – which has regularly targeted Israeli military positions – said it had "no connection" to the incident.

It said, however, that it had fired one such rocket on Saturday toward an Israeli military target in the Golan.

The rocket fire in Majdal Shams, whose population are Arabic-speaking Druze, prompted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to return early from the United States. Upon arrival he went immediately into a security cabinet meeting, his office said.

He said "Hezbollah will pay a heavy price" for the attack, "a price it has not paid before."

The Israeli foreign ministry said Hezbollah had "crossed all red lines".

Israel's military said later on Sunday it had hit Hezbollah targets "both deep inside Lebanese territory and in southern Lebanon". An Israeli drone fired two missiles at Taraiyya village in eastern Lebanon destroying a hanger and a home without causing casualties, a Lebanese security source said.

Hezbollah has said its cross-border fire is an act of support for Palestinian Islamists from Hamas who have been fighting Israel's military in Gaza since October 7 when they attacked southern Israel.

The rocket strike on Majdal Shams hit a football pitch and killed young people who local authorities said were aged 10 to 16. Israeli police said an 11-year-old boy was still missing. Thousands of residents, who follow an offshoot of Shiite Islam, crowded the town's streets in a tearful funeral ceremony for many of the dead.

Early on Sunday, Gallant visited the scene, where a building was pockmarked by shrapnel.

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Druze elders and mourners surround the coffins of 10 of the 12 people killed in a rocket strike from Lebanon on Saturday, during a mass funeral in Majdal Shams in the Israel-annexed Golan Heights, on Sunday | AFP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 296

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China's maritime aggression brings US, Japan closer

TOKYO

THE United States and Japan issued scathing verbal attacks on China and Russia on Sunday after high-level discussions on enhancing already close defence collaboration between Tokyo and Washington in an increasingly unstable region.

A joint statement issued after "2+2" talks in Tokyo between US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and their Japanese counterparts said China's "foreign policy seeks to reshape the international order for its own benefit at the expense of others". They also reiterated their "strong objections" to China's "unlawful maritime claims, militarisation of reclaimed features, and threatening and provocative activities in the South China Sea".

The communique also criticised Russia's "growing and provocative strategic military cooperation" with China, as well as Moscow's procurement of ballistic missiles and other materiel from North Korea "for use against Ukraine".

It also expressed alarm at China's "ongoing and rapid expansion of its nuclear weapons arsenal". Blinken said US alliances were all defensive in nature. "They have no ambitions toward anyone else, and never have been or ever will be offensive in nature," he told a news conference.

"But at a time when unfortunately these threats are increasing, our alliances, our partnerships, they're getting deeper, they're getting stronger, they're getting more effective," he said.

Japanese Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa said: "We are at an historic turning point."

"Developments that shake the very foundation of free and open international order based on rule of law are continuing. We must deepen and develop the US-Japan alliance to safeguard the international order and enhance deterrence," she said. China claims the South China Sea, through which trillions of dollars of trade passes annually, almost in its entirety, while Tokyo and Beijing are also at loggerheads over disputed Japan-controlled islands in the East China Sea.

The statement also confirmed US plans to establish in Japan a new Joint Force Headquarters, headed by a three-star US commander, for the 54,000 US military personnel stationed there.

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This is to inform to all the General Public that my client Sri. K.R. Vasudeva Guptha, S/o K. Ramaiah Setty, aged about 81 years, residing at No. 168/B, 6th Cross, 1st 'N' Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru - 560010, had executed Registered General Power of attorney dated 10.04.2023 vide Document No. HSK-4-00014/2023-24, stored in CD No. HSKD1823, Book No. 4, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural District, in the favour of M/s. Golden Amoon Retreats, A Registered Partnership Firm, Having its registered office at No. 414, 3rd Floor, Pooja Complex, Old Madras Road, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore-560036 Represented by its Managing partner Mr. R. Ramesh Babu in respect of the schedule property as mentioned below.

Hence in order to protect my client's right, title and interest over the below schedule property my client has cancelled / revoked the Registered General power of attorney dated 10.04.2023 executed by my client in favour of Ramesh Babu, by issuance of legal notice dated 22.07.2024 Henceforth, the said Sri. Ramesh Babu is ceased to be my clients general power of attorney Holder and he has no right title or interest over the schedule property.

Hence it is hereby informed to all the general public not to make any sort of negotiations or transaction with the above said Sri. Ramesh Babu, in respect of the schedule property and if anybody make any transactions with said person, the same is not binding on my client and you will be doing so at your cost and risk, my client is no way held liable for the same. My client will also proceed against the said person by initiating criminal and civil proceedings before the competent court of law.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy.No. 9/2, measuring 0.24.00.00 guntas (Twenty-four guntas) situated at Gangapura Village, Nandagudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk and bounded on the : **East by :** Land belongs to M/S Golden Amoon Retreats, **West by :** Land belongs to Mr. Karthik S/o Mani T.V, **North by :** Land belongs to M/S Golden Amoon Retreats and Sunitha K Shetty, **South by :** Land belongs to Sunitha K Shetty.

Sri. J.K. Lokesh Advocate
No. 24, Dinakaran Complex, 22nd Cross, Jayanagara 3rd Block, Bengaluru-11.
Mob. No. 9611345488

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that, my client SRI. ABDUL RAHMAN Aged about 33 years, S/o, Late Abdul Rashid, Residing at, Flat No. 204 2nd Floor, A2G Enclave 3rd Main 5th Cross Road, LBS Nagar HAL Post Bangalore-560017, Aadhar No. 9794 0794 3470. PAN No. CRVPA0933J. Ph.9003555224. Being a lawful owner and in peaceful possession of the below mentioned schedule property intend to sell the Schedule property to the third party.

Any person or persons, authorities, Banks, financial institutions etc, having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/ claim within 10 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Flat No. 302, Third Floor,, apartment named "A2G RM COMFORTS", with super built up area 1130 Square Feet inclusive of undivided share of 226 Sqft. Constructed in property bearing Property bearing Site No. 211, CMC Katha 211,present BBMP Khata No. 221/211 and PID No. 221, BBMP ward No.81 Measuring East to West 59.5 feet, and North to south (36 + 40)/2 feet, in total extent 2261Sq.fts, Situated at, Talacauvery Layout, Block No. 13.Vibuthipura Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 81, Bangalore.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** under the Securitization& Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **24.04.2023** calling upon the borrower **Sri.Balaji Thimlapur** S/o. Late Prasanna Kumar T.P. Residing at No.1652, 16th Main, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore – 560 050. and the **Co-obligants1)Smt.Pradnya Kulkarni.** W/o. Sri.Balaji Thimlapur, **2) Late.Prasanna Kumar T.P** Represented by his legal heir Sri.Balaji Thimlapur **3) Late.Thunga N.S.** Represented by her legal heir Sri.Balaji Thimlapur, **All are Residing at:** No.1652, 16th Main, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore–560050. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.7,45,49,634/-** (Rupees Seven Crores Forty Five Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty four Only) with interest from **01.04.2023** and other charges there on within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower and the co-obligant having failed to repay the entire amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **24.07.2024.**

The borrower and the co-obligants in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.7,45,49,634/-** (Rupees Seven Crores Forty Five Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty four Only) with interest from **01.04.2023** and other charges there on.

Item–1: Annexure: Schedule: All that piece and parcel of the Plot No.74, Khatha No.311, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Hebbagodu Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, and measuring East to West 52.80 Meters and North to South 19.25 Meters, in all totally measuring 1016.40 Sq Meters bounded on: **East by :** Portion of same plot No.74 Gifted to Shilpa T P, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Passage, **South by :** Plot No 75.

Item-2: (1) Site No.533/02, E - Katha No.152500900900521337, East to West: 9.14mtrs. North to South: 12.19mtrs, Totally measuring 111.41 sq. mtrs , Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. **Boundaries:** East by : Approved Layout. West by : Road, North by: Site No.1, South by: Site No.3.

(2) Site No.533/03, E - Katha No.152500900900521339, East to West: 9.14 mtrs. North to South: 12.19mtrs, Totally measuring 111.41 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by: Approved layout. West by : Road, North by: Site No.2, South by: Site No.4.

(3) Site No.533/04, E - Katha No.152500900900521340, East to West: 9.14 mtrs. North to South: 12.19mtrs, Totally measuring 111.41 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by: Approved layout. West by : Road, North by: Site No.3, South by: Site No.5.

(4) Site No.533/05, E - Katha No.152500900900521341, East to West: 9.14 mtrs. North to South: 12.19mtrs, Totally measuring 111.41 sq. mtrs, Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by: Approved layout. West by : Road, North by: Site No.4, South by: Site No.6.

(5) Site No.533/07, E - Katha No.152500900900521344, East to West: 12.19 mtrs. North to South: 9.14mtrs. Totally measuring 111.41 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by : Road, West by : Site No.22, North by: Site No.8, South by: C.A.Site.

(6) Site No.533/13, E - Katha No.152500900900521358, East to West: 12.19 mtrs. North to South: 9.14mtrs, Totally measuring 111.41 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by : Road, West by : Site No.16, North by: Site No.14, South by: Site No.12,

(7) Site No.533/14, E - Katha No.152500900900521359, East to West : 12.20 mtrs. North to South: 9.19mtrs, Totally measuring 112.12 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by : Road, West by : Site No.15, North by: Road, South by: Site No.13.

(8) Site No.533/15, E - Katha No.152500900900521360, East to West: 2.23 mtrs. North to South: 8.155mtrs, Totally measuring 99.73 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by : Site No.14, West by : Road, North by: Road, South by: Site No.16.

(9) Site No.533/16, E - Katha No.152500900900521362, East to West: 12.19 mtrs. North to South: 9.14mtrs, Totally measuring 111.41 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by : Site No.13, West by : Road, North by: Site no. 15, South by: Site No.17.

(10) Site No.533/23, E - Katha No.152500900900521370, East to West: 6.63 mtrs. North to South: 17.58 mtrs, Totally measuring 116.64 sq. mtrs. Sy No.21/02, Thimlapura village, Kasaba Hobli, Tumkur Taluk, Tumkur Dist. East by : Road, West by : Road, North by: Park, South by: Ashraya Layout.

Date: 24.07.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Op Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all the General Public that my client Smt. Sunitha K Setty wife of Maluru ES EN Krisshnaiah Setty, aged about 54 years, residing at No.50, 10th Main, 17th Cross, Near MBS College, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003, had executed Registered General Power of attorney dated 10.04.2023 vide Document No. HSK-4-00015/2023-24, stored in CD No. HSKD1823, Book No. 4 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural District, in favour of M/s. Golden Amoon Retreats, A Registered Partnership Firm, Having its registered office at No. 414, 3rd Floor, "Pooja Complex", Old Madras Road, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore-560036. Represented by its Managing partner Mr. R. Ramesh Babu in respect of the schedule property as mentioned below.

Hence in order to protect my client's right, title and interest over the below schedule property my client has cancelled / revoked the Registered General power of attorney dated 10.04.2023 executed by my client in favour of Ramesh Babu, by issuance of legal notice dated 22.07.2024 Henceforth, the said Sri. Ramesh Babu is ceased to be my client general power of attorney Holder and he has no right title or interest over the schedule property.

Hence it is hereby informed to all the general public not to make any sort of negotiations or transaction with the above said Sri. Ramesh Babu, in respect of the schedule property and if anybody make any transactions with said person the same is not binding on my client and you will be doing so at your cost and risk, my client is no way held liable for the same. My client will also proceed against the said person by initiating criminal and civil proceedings before the competent court of law.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy.No. 9/2, measuring 0.19.12.00 guntas (19 ¾ guntas) out of total land 0.25.00.00 guntas, (Twenty Five guntas) situated at Gangapura Village, Nandgudi Hobli, Hosakote Taluk and bounded on the : **East by :** Land belongs to M/S Golden Amoon Retreats, **West by :** Land belongs to Mr. Karthik S/o Mani T.V, **North by :** Land belongs to Vasudev Guptha K.R, **South by :** National High Way No. 75.

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Public are hereby notified that, my client SRI. ABDUL RAHMAN Aged about 33 years, S/o, Late Abdul Rashid, Residing at, Flat No. 204 2nd Floor, A2G Enclave 3rd Main 5th Cross Road, LBS Nagar HAL Post Bangalore-560017, Aadhar No. 9794 0794 3470. PAN No. CRVPA0933J. Ph.9003555224. Being a lawful owner and in peaceful possession of the below mentioned schedule property intend to sell the Schedule property to the third party.

Any person or persons, authorities, Banks, financial institutions etc, having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objections/ claim within 10 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing **Flat No. 301,** Third Floor, apartment named **"A2G RM COMFORTS",** with super built up area **1130** Square Feet inclusive of undivided share of **226** Sqft. Constructed in property bearing Property bearing Site No. 211, CMC Katha 211,present BBMP Khata No. 221/211 and PID No. 221, BBMP ward No.81 Measuring East to West 59.5 feet, and North to south (36 + 40)/2 feet, in total extent 2261Sq.fts, Situated at, Talacauvery Layout, Block No. 13.Vibuthipura Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 81, Bangalore.

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s & Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **06.09.2024**, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under -

Sr. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s	Outstanding dues as on 26.07.2024	Short description of immovable property	Possession Type	Encumbrances known to the bank	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit
1.	**Asset Recovery Branch (M-8292940000)** **Borrower:** **Mr. A R V S S Srinivasa Rao Mrs. Sridevi Araja** **Both resided at** House No.2, 2nd Floor, Survey No.93/6, Near Garden City Super Market, Shirdi Sai Nagar, Kothnur Narayanpura, Bengaluru-560 077	**Rs.41,85,209.00 (Rupees Forty One Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred Nine Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	All that piece and parcel of 3BHK residential property (land & building) bearing Flat No.411 admeasuring built-up area 1354 sq. ft. on 4th Floor in the project named "DS Max Sanskruthi" with one car parking with undivided share of the land of 319 sq. ft. in the total area of the land lying and situated K Narayanpura, K R Puram Hobli, Off Thanisandra Road, Bengaluru East Taluka, Bangalore-560077 and the flat is butted and bounded as follows- On or towards North : By Lobby, Open Space & Lift; On or towards South : By Open Space & Flat No.410; On or towards East : By Lobby & Flat No.408 & On or towards West : By Open Space.	Physical	One transaction is made on the Flat after bank's charge.	**Rs.51.92 Lakh**	**Rs.5.19 Lakh**
2.	**Branch: City Market (M-8956939419)** **Borrowers:** **Mr. Amjad Khan & Mrs. Reshma Shaikh** **Both resided at** No.445, 1st Cross, Rajappa Block, Munireddy Palya, J C Nagar, Bangalore-560 006	**Rs.65,95,175.00 (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing New BBMP Khata No. 44/5, PID No 92-99-44/5 (Old Khata No.21 & New No. 44) admeasuring land area East to West on the Northern Side 26 feet 01 inch & the Southern side 26 feet & North to South on the Eastern Side 45 feet & Western side 47 feet 08 inches i.e. total admeasuring area 1200.00 sq. ft. carved out of Survey No.65 along with 4 storied residential Building admeasuring built-up area 920.00 sq. ft. each in each Floor lying and situated at Rajappa Block, J C Nagar, Muni Reddy Palya, K G Baidarahalli, Presently limits under BBMP Ward No.92, Jayamahal, Bangalore-560 006.	Symbolic	NIL	**Rs.151.00 Lakh**	**Rs.15.10 Lakh**
3.	**Branch: Shivajinagar (M-9090194055)** **Borrower/s:** **Mr. Ajith Ananthraj Padival and Mr. Rakesh Padival** **Both resided at** Flat No.301, Southern Paradise Apartment, Alexandria Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025 **Also at** House No.S1 & S4, Gayathri Sparkling ISLE Apartment, Berlie Street Cross, Lang Ford Town, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560025	**Rs. 2,73,02,989.00 (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Three Lakh TwoThousand Nine Hundred Eighty Nine Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	All the piece and parcel of Residential Site bearing No.124 admeasuring area 2480 sq. ft. (East to West 40 feet and North to South 62 feet) with constructions thereon lying and situated at 1st Main Road, Service Road, Domlur 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560071 and the site is butted and bounded as under- On or towards East : By Site No.125; On or towards West : By Site No.123; On or towards North : By Road & On or towards South : By Site No.139 and 140.	Symbolic	NIL	**Rs.528.00 Lakh**	**Rs.52.80 Lakh**
4.	**Branch: Gandhinagar (M-9867633344)** **Borrowers:** **Mr. Mangalram Purohit Mrs. Savitha Devi** **Both resided at** No.42 (Old No.55), 3rd Floor, Ganigar A Lane, Nagarathpet Road Cross, Nagarpeth, Bangalore City, Bangalore-560002	**Rs.97,31,547.00 (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakh Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	2BHK Residential Flat bearing No. OA1703 on the 17th Floor of Wing-A of OLIVE Tower in Phase-I of the project known as "PARK WEST" admeasuring carpet area 71.36 sq. mt. (768.11 sq. ft.) and Super built-up area 116.13 sq. mt. (1250 sq. ft.) constructed on the land bearing Municipal No.1/1 (Old No.1) with one car parking with undivided share of the land of 379.17 sq. ft. in the total area of the land lying and situated at Hosakere Road, New Ward No.121 (Old No.31), Binnypet, Bangalore-560023 and the Flat is butted and bounded as under- On or toward North: By open space and Flat No.OA-1704; On or towards South: By Flat No.OA-1702; On or towards East: By Lobby and On or towards West: By open space.	Physical	NIL	**Rs.121.00 Lakh**	**Rs.12.10 Lakh**
5.	**Asset Recovery Branch (M-8292940000)** **Borrower:** **Mrs. Florance Aron W/o S Harry Aron** **Guarantor:** **Mr. S Harry Aron** **Both resided at** No.604, SMR Vinay Regency, Next to ASR Convention Hall, Banaswadi, Bengaluru-560 043	**Rs.59,40,970.00 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	All that piece and parcel of 2 BHK Residential property (land & building) bearing Flat No.407, 4th Floor in the project named "DS Max Solitaire" with super built-up area 1020 sq. ft. consisting of Living room, Dinning Hall, Kitchen, two bed rooms, one common bathroom and one attached bathroom with one car parking at stilt with undivided share of the land admeasuring 298 sq. ft. lying and situated at Banzar Layout, Horamavu, Near Agara Lake, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560 043 and the Flat is butted and bounded as follows-On or towards North : By Flat No.408, On or towards South : By Flat No.406, On or towards East : By Lobby & Lift, On or towards West : By Open Space.	Physical	NIL	**Rs.40.47 Lakh**	**Rs.4.05 Lakh**
6.	**Branch: Yelahanka (M-8956939465)** **Borrower:** **Mr. Narasimha Krishnappa** 30, 2nd Cross, Ayyappa Garden, Adugodi, Bangalore-560 030 **Guarantor:** **Mr. Nilesh Bohra** No.18, Chowdappa Layout, Shantinagar, Bangalore-560 027	**Rs.9,05,976.00 (Rupees Nine Lakh Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	Vacant Residential Plot in "Spring Garden" bearing Site No.117, Khatha No.411/325/117 formed out of Survey No.41, 42 & 73/2 total admeasuring area 1200 sq. ft. lying and situated at Village-Handenahalli, Sarjapura Hobli, Tal-Anekal, Dist.-Bangalore South and the plot is butted and bounded as follows-On North : By Part of Site No.102 & 101, On South : By Road, On East : By Site No.118 and On West : By Site No.116.	Physical	NIL	**Rs.11.23 Lakh**	**Rs.1.12 Lakh**
7.	**Asset Recovery Branch (M-8292940000)** **Borrower:** **Mr. Gurumurthy K M Mrs. Janaki** **Both resided at** #32/747, 24th Cross, Malagala, Opp Sunethra Garments, Bangalore North, Viswaneedam, Bangalore-560 091	**Rs.71,89,695.00 (Rupees Seventy One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	Residential House Property bearing Northern Portion of Property No.43, Khatha No.21/1 admeasuring area East to West-34 ft. and North to South-20 ft. i.e. total area 680 sq. ft. together with built up area of 427 sq. ft. in Ground Floor and 285 sq. ft. in 1st Floor RCC roofed building constructed thereon lying and situated at New Ward No.161, Municipal No.43, 7th Main Road, Hosakerehalli Layout, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560086.	Physical	NIL	**Rs.31.81 Lakh**	**Rs.3.18 Lakh**
8.	**Asset Recovery Branch (M-8292940000)** **Borrower:** **M/s. BCS Enterprises Prop. Mr. M Mahesh S/o Late Mahadevu** No.71, Survey No.178, 1st Main 3rd Cross, Raghavendra Layout, Begur, Near Sahyadri School, Bangalore-560 068 **Guarantor:** **Mrs. Shivanjamma K W/o Mr. M Mahesh Kadukotthanahalli,** Bannuru Hobli, T Narasipura, Doddam ulagudu Mysore-571 101	**Rs.31,34,476.00 (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Six Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	Residential vacant plot at site No.844 admeasuring area 55.754 sq. mt. Sy. Nos. 1/1, 2, 3/2, 5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/6, 6/4, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 7/7, 7/8, 7/9, 7/10, 7/11, 7/12, 8, 9/1, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 9/6, 10/P1, 10/P2, 10/P3, 11, 12, 13(P), 14(P), 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17/1, 17/2, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3, 18/4, 20/2(P), 21/1, 21/2, 21/13C & 34 lying and situated at 3rd Cross Road, 3rd Block, KHB-L & C Silicon City Layout, Hampapura, Kengeri, Hobli, Bengaluru-560 082.	Physical	NIL	**Rs.10.60 Lakh**	**Rs.1.06 Lakh**
9.	**Asset Recovery Branch (M-8292940000)** **Borrower:** **Mr. G Magesh Babu & Mrs. G Komala** **Both resided at** Door No.513, 1st Floor, 24th Main Road, Maranahalli, J P Nagar, Phase-II, Bangalore-560078	**Rs.67,65,957.00 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	All the piece and parcel of 2BHK residential apartment bearing Flat No.GF 02 (now BBMP Khatha No 1447/GF-002/747/9-10-23-24) on Ground Floor admeasuring built-up area 1100.00 sq. ft. in the Apartment named 'SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS' constructed on the land bearing Survey No.58/5A and Site Nos.9, 10, 23 & 24 admeasuring area 5190 sq. ft. with undivided share of the land admeasuring area 471 sq. ft. along with one covered car parking lying and situated at Village-Gubbalalu, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560 061 and the Flat is butted and bounded as follows-On or towards North : By Flat No.GF-01, On or towards South : By Open Space, On or towards East : By Open Space, On or towards West : By Open Space.	Physical	NIL	**Rs.40.23 Lakh**	**Rs.4.02 Lakh**
10.	**Asset Recovery Branch (M-8292940000)** **Borrower/s:** **Mr. Somashekar N & Mrs. Vidhyarani M** **Both resided at** No. 164, 2nd Cross, Sri Ramanagar, Banashankari, 3rd Stage Banaglore-560085	**Rs.55,59,222.00 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Two Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	All the piece and parcel of 2BHK residential apartment bearing Flat No.309 in B Block on 3rd Floor admeasuring built-up area 1197.32 sq. ft. in the Apartment named **'PRUTHVI ROYAL'** constructed on the land bearing Survey No.43 admeasuring area 1 Acre 14 Guntas (4 Guntas Kharab) with undivided share of the land admeasuring area 308.58 sq. ft. along with one covered car parking lying and situated at Village-Gottigere, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560 076 and the Flat is butted and bounded as follows-On or towards North : By Private Property & Open to Sky, On or towards South : By Flat No.308, On or towards East : By Corridor & Flat No.310, On or towards West : By Private Property & Open to Sky.	Physical	NIL	**Rs.26.10 Lakh**	**Rs.2.61 Lakh**
11.	**Asset Recovery Branch (M-8292940000)** **Borrower/s:** **Mr. M Narayana Reddy & Mrs. Sahana N Reddy** **Both resided at** Flat No.501, S V Mansion, No.4 & 5, VSR Layout, Halasahalli Road, Varthur, Banaglore- 560087	**Rs.1,66,05,784.00 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Six Lakh Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Four Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 27.07.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	**Property Lot No.1** Residential Site bearing No.8 admeasuring area 1265 sq. ft. with construction formed in Survey No.98/2 (Old Survey No.98) having BBMP Khata No.1421, Municipal No.38 lying and situated at 'Sri Ayyappa Layout', Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East taluk, now within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.149, Bangalore-560 087.			**Rs.57.47 Lakh**	**Rs.5.75 Lakh**
			Property Lot No.2 Residential Site bearing No.9 admeasuring area 2310 sq. ft. with construction formed in Survey No.98/2 (Old Survey No.98) having BBMP Khata No.1421, Municipal No.38 lying and situated at 'Sri Ayyappa Layout', Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East taluk, now within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Ward No.149, Bangalore-560 087.	Physical	Subsequent charge on Site No.9 is reflected in EC	**Rs.129.00 Lakh**	**Rs.12.90 Lakh**

- **Date of E-Auction & Time: 06/09/2024 between 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm.**
- **Property Inspection Date & Time: 01/09/2024 to 05/09/2024 with prior appointment.**
- **Last Date & Time for submission of Bid/EMD : 05/09/2024 upto 5.00 pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in website of **Bank of Maharashtra** i.e. **"https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/properties for sale" & "https://ebkray.in".**

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The borrower/s and guarantor/s above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

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Know which tax regime is more attractive for salaried people

Taxpayers using old tax regime may consider switching to the new tax regime as the latter has seen an expansion of income slabs leading to tax reduction

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

THE Union Budget 2024 has introduced enhanced tax relief in the new tax regime by adjusting the income tax slabs, making it more appealing compared to the old tax regime. As a result, taxpayers currently using the old tax regime may want to consider switching to the new tax regime for the 2024-25 financial year.

According to the Budget 2024 proposals, the new tax regime has seen an expansion of income slabs, leading to a reduction in tax rates. Specifically, the tax rate for the income slab between ₹6,00,000 and ₹7,00,000 has been decreased from 10% to 5%. Additionally, for the income range of ₹9,00,000 to ₹10,00,000, the tax rate has been lowered from 15% to 10%.

These adjustments result in a total tax saving of ₹10,000 for individuals earning above ₹10,00,000 under the new tax regime.

Moreover, the standard deduction has increased from ₹50,000 to ₹ 75,000, contributing to potential overall tax savings of up to ₹17,500 (before accounting for surcharge and cess) under the new tax regime.

The decision for each taxpayer to switch from the old tax regime to the new one hinges on the deductions they need to claim for their tax liability under the old regime to be lower than that under the new regime. This required level of deductions fluctuates based on income levels.

It's important to recognise that the old tax regime allows for a variety of deductions against different allowances included in salaries, such as House Rent Allowance (HRA) and Leave Travel Allowance (LTA), as well as specific investments and expenses like the Public Provident Fund (PPF), National Pension Scheme (NPS), housing loan repayments, and tuition fees.

Conversely, the new tax regime offers advantages such as a standard deduction and a full rebate for individuals with an annual income of up to ₹7 lakh. Therefore, individuals earning more than ₹7 lakh must carefully evaluate their options between the new and old tax regimes, particularly since the old tax regime provides deductions under Chapter VI-A.

"With the changes in the new tax regime, for a salaried taxpayer, who is not a senior citizen (i.e. 60 years and above), with a regular income of ₹15 lakh and above, the break-even point to choose between the old tax regime and new tax regime has increased from ₹3,75,000 to ₹4,33,333. This means that a person who is having exemptions and deductions under the old tax regime and are not available under the new tax regime below this break-even point, will benefit by opting for the new tax regime," said Poorva Prakash, Partner, Deloitte India.

"In addition, the limit for employer's contribution towards NPS has been increased from 10% to 14% under the NTR. This would allow the salaried taxpayers to avail additional tax benefit for employer's contribution to NPS, subject to overall non-taxable threshold of ₹7.5 lakh. These are welcome moves as eventually it will help in providing increased disposable income in the hands of the salaried taxpayers as well as easing the overall tax admin burden for both employers and the employees," Prakash added.

Akhil Chandna, Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat, stated, "With an aim to boost the confidence of middle class taxpayers, several announcements have been made especially for the taxpayers opting for the New Tax Regime - From reducing the tax slab rates for individuals resulting in saving of up to ₹10,400 on taxable income above ₹15 lakh, increasing the standard deduction on salary from ₹50,000 to ₹75,000 and as well as increasing the threshold for deduction on employer contribution to New Pension Scheme from 10% to 14% of salary."

According to Grant Thornton Bharat, if one opts for the old tax regime and avails all the deductions and exemptions, then the tax outgo will be less. For example, if the gross taxable income is ₹7,75,000, then the tax liability will be zero, for ₹ 15,00,000 income, the tax liability will come in at ₹1,17,000 and at ₹30,00,000, the tax liability will stand at ₹4,91,400.

Whereas, in the proposed new regime, the tax liability will stand at ₹0, ₹1,30,000 and ₹5,90,200 for the taxable income at ₹7,75,000, ₹15 lakh and ₹30 lakh a year, respectively. If only 80 C exemption or basic standard deduction is available in the old tax regime, then the new tax regime will help in more tax savings.

BUDGET IMPACT ON TAKE HOME

SCENARIO 1: (STANDARD DEDUCTION + 80C DEDUCTIONS)

Particulars	Old Tax Regime			New Tax Regime (Exisiting)			New Tax Regime (Proposed)		
Gross Salary	7,75,000	15,00,000	30,00,000	7,75,000	15,00,000	30,00,000	7,75,000	15,00,000	30,00,000
Standard Deduction	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Deduction u/s 80C	1,50,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taxable Income	5,75,000	13,00,000	28,00,000	72,5,000	14,50,000	29,50,000	7,00,000	14,25,000	29,25,000
Tax	27,500	2,02,500	6,52,500	27,500	1,40,000	5,85,000	20,000	1,25,000	5,67,500
Rebate u/s 87A	0	0	0	2500	0	0	-20,000	0	0
Surcharge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health & Edu cess	1,100	8,100	26,100	1,000	5,600	23,400	0	5,000	2,2,700
Total	28,600	2,10,600	6,78,600	26,000	1,45,600	6,08,400	0	1,30,000	5,90,200

Note: There is no surcharge on income up to ₹50 lakh

Source: Grant Thornton

SCENARIO 2: HNIS (STANDARD DEDUCTION + 80C)

Particulars	Old Tax Regime			New Tax Regime (Existing)			New Tax Regime (Proposed)		
Gross Salary	1,50,00,000	2,00,00,000	6,00,00,000	1,50,00,000	2,00,00,000	6,00,00,000	1,50,00,000	2,00,00,000	6,00,00,000
Standard Deduction	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Deduction u/s 80C	1,50,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taxable Income	1,48,00,000	1,98,00,000	5,98,00,000	14,950,000	1,99,50,000	5,99,50,000	1,49,25,000	1,99,25,000	5,99,25,000
Tax	42,52,500	57,52,500	1,77,52,500	41,85,000	56,85,000	1,76,85,000	41,67,500	56,67,500	1,76,67,500
Rebate u/s 87A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surcharge	6,37,875	8,62,875	65,68,425	6,27,750	8,52,750	44,21,250	6,25,125	8,50,125	44,16,875
Health & Edu cess	1,95,615	2,64,615	9,72,837	1,92,510	2,61,510	8,84,250	1,91,705	2,60,705	8,83,375
Total	50,85,990	68,79,990	2,52,93,762	5,00,52,60	67,99,260	2,29,90,500	49,84,330	67,78,330	2,29,67,750

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

WHY LONG-TERM INVESTING MAKES SENSE

RAJAS KELKAR

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FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman's record seventh budget has underscored the importance of an efficient tax system with an all-rounded budget. The reaction in the stock market was initial panic when she mentioned the word 'capital gains'. However, equity prices recovered quickly to end the flat trading session on Budget Day.

As an individual taxpayer, you are not paying any significant tax up to ₹15 lakh income annually. That means you have some more money in your hands. Your long-term financial plan will not be affected if you are a regular investor. There is a minor increase in the long-term capital gains tax in listed shares. However, if you are a day trader in equities and derivatives and earn well, you have to pay more taxes on capital gains.

The Budget clearly states that you must pay taxes if you make money through capital gains. Capital gains in India are here to stay, and if some pundits are believed, they will eventually be brought in line with the rate in rich countries. At 12.5%, the long-term capital gains tax rate is still lower than that in the United States at 20%. So, you may want to set your expectations accordingly.

Trading V Investing profits

The tax system in India encourages you to invest more than trade in the equity markets.

A study published last week by the Securities and Exchange Board of India about intra-day trading in equities shows that 7 out of 10-day traders lose money. As the day trading activity intensified over the past three financial years to 2023, losses have increased, too. As a result, stock market day trading is not for those who cannot digest losses. Even then, more and more people are finding their way to start trading in the stock market from tier II and tier III cities in India.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

There is an attraction towards quick returns despite the data showing losses. The message from the Budget in that situation to you as a day trader is that if you are good at it, you must pay more taxes.

At the same time, those playing in equity and index options derivatives are setting new records in the daily turnover. Last year, a US firm reported trading profits of $1bn in India index options.

If institutional traders are making that kind of money, the finance minister is suitable to enhance the taxation on such gains. If you observe the budget speeches of the government over the past ten years, the government has gradually made it clear that India is not a tax haven country. From your standpoint, the message from the Budget is that derivatives are for hedging your risks. You must understand the tax implications of a derivatives trade before acting on it.

The mutual fund industry has witnessed a significant contribution from retail investors. The assets under management from systematic investment plans are at a record high of over ₹10 lakh crore. However, a Sebi study of SIP investors in the past showed that barely a few accounts had a holding period of over three or five years. A lot of units were sold within a year. The Budget discourages you from doing that. You need to hold your mutual funds for a long time for them to give you any meaningful returns for your financial goals like retirement or children's higher education.

Concerns about too much money chasing too few assets in equity markets exist. Equity market valuation is presently way higher than 10-year averages for most quality stocks. Few quality companies with a significant free float are available for investors who are not promoters.

In such an environment, if more money keeps pouring from domestic and foreign investors into equity assets, valuations could be prohibitively expensive for entry to new investors. It would also be hard to generate returns that comfortably beat the consumer price inflation rate. Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch told wealth managers recently that new companies are getting listed to absorb the increased flow of investments.

At the same time, the future of inflation-proof investing is in Real Estate or infrastructure investment trusts.

MONEY-WISE

PLANNING TO RETIRE? WHAT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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WHEN we think of Retirement, we normally think in terms of Money! Of course money is very important for retirement and we should know how much we need, how much we have to save, how much to invest and when to retire. For doing a proper scientific study we either learn to do it ourselves or hire a personal financial planning professional. He makes a Financial plan –which has our financial goals and the roadmap to achieve them.

Have you thought at what age to retire? Let us say 55 years is when you want to retire. One important question to answer is at your chronological age of 55 years what will be your Fitness Age?

Will it be 48 or 66? If it is 66 years of age, it means it is a push to retirement and your company is not too keen to have you –and you are being eased out. SO THE BIG QUESTION IS –when you are retiring at 55 what are your future plans?

There are many activities which you may not be able to do. Realising that the greatest thing one requires is enough wealth, a healthy body, satsang –a nice group of friends with common interests, and some 'goal' in life.Remember that almost all of us know what we are retiring FROM, we need a plan on what we are retiring TO. Thus when you think of retirement –at whatever age – remember that of course having enough wealth is important, but so is having good health, a hobby, and a bunch of friends –all these are important. You have to start building on all this for a good retirement.

It surprises me to see so many people who are RICH and UNFIT. How useful is all the money if you have some life-style disease which prevents you from enjoying the wealth that you have earned –and created? And what if you have good health and wealth, but no hobbies or worse, no person to share your wealth and experiences with?

Which means we should stop trading 'TIME', our most precious asset, just to create wealth. We have to understand the need to learn 'Asset allocation' – how much of our time is given to wealth creation, how much to health creation, hobby creation, … etc. You must have heard the saying 'when the race is over, STOP'. Suppose you had gone to a financial planner and he had told you that you require ₹2 crore for retirement.

And at age 49 you found that you had ₹3 crore already, and you were going to inherit ₹2 crore from your parents –which made your corpus look great, not good! Should you now not be trading your time for looking at your diet, exercise, creating friends groups, developing hobbies, etc.? What is the point in increasing the 'Net-worth'?

I am not going to take your time explaining the advantages of being fit – there are enough YouTube videos doing that already!

Just start allocating your time more sensibly – health, wealth, hobbies and Satsang. All of these require TIME. Your Own time.

Ola Electric Mobility to launch initial public offering on Aug 2, to raise ₹5,500 cr

PTI @New Delhi

ELECTRIC two-wheeler company Ola Electric Mobility will float its initial public offering (IPO) on August 2, and a significant part of the proceeds will be used for capacity expansion of its cell manufacturing plant and revving up R&D.

The initial share sale will conclude on August 6, and the bidding for anchor investors will open for a day on August 1, according to the red herring prospectus (RHP). The company's proposed IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares up to ₹5,500 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of 8.49 crore equity shares by promoters and investors, the prospectus showed. Under the OFS, Ola Electric founder Bhavish Aggarwal will offload almost 3.8 crore shares. The price band of the company's maiden public issue will be announced on Monday. For Ola Electric, the IPO will provide the much-needed impetus to invest in enhancing cell manufacturing capacity and research and development on future technologies and products. According to its prospectus, Ola Electric Mobility Ltd (OEML) plans to utilise ₹ 1,227.6 crore out of the proceeds of its ₹5,500 crore public issue on capacity expansion of its cell manufacturing plant to 6.4 GWh from 5 GWh.

The company is also looking to use ₹1,600 crore from the fresh fund on research and product development, another ₹800 crore will be deployed to repay debts and ₹350 crore for organic growth initiatives. On future product launch plans, the company said, "We plan to further launch affordable mass market Ola S1 models, including E2Ws targeted at the personal, business-to-business and last-mile delivery segment by the first half of fiscal 2025". "We also plan to commence delivery of our motorcycles, which we announced on August 15, 2023, by the first half of fiscal 2026," it added.

Gold sales soar 35-40% after duty cut

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @Mumbai

THE surprise duty cut on gold imports—from a high 15 to a low 6% in the budget—has not only brought smiles to customers but has brought broader smiles to gold retailers who have been struggling to get footfalls as prices have been roaring like never before and were staring at a lost-year.

But that's past now as they're already seeing massive crowds in their showrooms with sales soaring 35-40% already across the country. After the duty cut on July 23, retail price of gold has plunged from ₹6730/g to under-₹6,300 on Saturday in Kerala which control around 40% of domestic market, while on MCX the price fall has had a whopping ₹10.7 lakh crore loss (notional) of investor wealth on the budget day as gold prices fell like ninepins--by whopping ₹4,000/g in a knee-jerk reaction. In the past three years, gold prices have been on a tear-away rally jumping over 40%.

Since April 2024, domestic prices have jumped over 20%. Still we are the world's second largest consumer of gold with 562.3 tonnes in 2023, after China's 630 tonnes. According to the World Gold Council, the gold ownership of domestic households stood at 25,000 tonne in 2023.

"Since the budget, gold sales have so far jumped 35-40% across the country and this will likely go up further as the wedding season nears, though some customers are in the wait and watch mode expecting more price correction. The second biggest benefit of the duty cut is that it will lead to massive dip in smuggling and if GST on gold is also reduced from 3 to 1%, smuggling and parallel trade can be completely eradicated," S Abdul Nazar, director of All-India Gems & Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) told TNIE.

He added that the biggest beneficiaries of the duty cut, apart from customers, will be the organised jewllery traders. According to MP Ahammed, the chairman of the largest jewellery retail chain Malabar Gold & Diamonds in terms of revenue, sales across his showrooms have jumped almost 60% since the budget.

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10 South Korea women recurve archers won gold for the tenth consecutive time on Sunday | 11

Nadal to face Djokovic for 60th time

Rafael Nadal set up a blockbuster showdown with Novak Djokovic at the Olympics as the Spaniard battled to victory over Marton Fucsovics in the first round on Sunday. Nadal won 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. In another men's singles match, India's Sumit Nagal went down 2-6, 6-2, 5-7.

Burying the ghosts of Tokyo, the 22-year-old from Haryana rose to the occasion, winning India's first medal at the Paris Olympics

BHAKER, HISTORY-MAKER

Road to glory

Just 22, Bhaker has already seen the vagaries of a career in sport. Here's a rewind featuring some of her highest highs and lowest lows...

APRIL 2018

Just 16, she announces herself at the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast with gold in the women's 10m air pistol. That senior compatriot, Heena Sidhu, gold favourite, won silver is significant, a budding rivalry.

AUGUST 2018

The teenage prodigy suffers a setback as she finishes outside the medals in the same event at the Asian Games (Heena, her main rival in this event, wins bronze). Coach Jaspal Rana asks for some calm.

OCTOBER 2018

A serial winner of Cups in most events, Bhaker wins gold in the same event at the Youth Olympics. A golden year also sees her become the youngest Indian shooter to bag gold at a World Cup.

EARLY 2019

It also came to light that the Haryana government hadn't released the `2 cr they had promised after she won gold at the Youth Olympics (a tweet to that measure did the rounds against after she won bronze in Paris).

MAY 2019

The then 17-year-old wins a Tokyo quota in the 10m air pistol event. Later in the year, she won gold in both junior and senior national championship.

TOKYO OLYMPICS

Manu, with several records and World Cup wins coming into Tokyo, was seen as a contender. However, a variety of issues cost the teen. She had a falling out with her coach, Jaspal Rana, just before the Games. At the Games, a pistol malfunction cost her a place in the final in one of the three events.

POST THAT

She had fallen out of love with the sport. After taking some time out from the sport, she came back to the shooting range, aiming to make up for lost time. In the process, she also patched up with Jaspal. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) picked her for the Asian Games despite a much-changed squad. In Jakarta, she won team gold in the 25m pistol event.

JULY 2024

She wasn't going to be denied, not this time.

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INDRANEEL DAS
PARIS

THERE she stood with one hand in her pocket and the other holding the air pistol – her weapon. The hall at the Chateauroux Shooting Centre was rather warm and the air was grave. There were quite a few tense Indian faces in the stands. Manu Bhaker was in the first Olympic final of her career but she did not fetter. She converted the stage into her own gladiatorial theatre, delivering shot after shot with such precision that the tiny black dot in the centre looked like a big circle. She won India's first medal, bronze, at the Paris Olympics. The gold and silver in 10m air pistol went to two Koreans— Oh Ye Jin (gold) and (Kim Yeji).

Hours before the final, her coach Jaspal Rana, who is staying outside the village, was waiting for the shuttle at the Chateauroux railway station. He sat among the audience and there were occasional glances at him from Manu during the gruelling competition. He was smiling and greeting everyone but that was just a facade. On the day she qualified for the final, there were tears in his eyes. This success is as much about him as it is about Manu.

The 22-year-old shooter has matured over the years. She has so much confidence in her ability now that sometimes her words can be construed as smug. But that is how it is for all stars. Even at this age, she knows that it is not talent that is restraining her from winning an Olympic medal, it's the mind. "I know my ability and after the early two-three years of one's care, one need to be taught technique. It is to, and how you, manipulate your mind." She and Jaspal worked on that aspect. Daily meditations became part of their ritual. Playing cello made her relax more. Curiously, India's quest for gold in Paris began by the side of a river whose name bears an uncanny resemblance to that of the Indian god Indra. The river is called Indre in French.

A lot had been spoken about Manu. As a teen when her friends were having fun, she was quietly setting records. She was celebrated and became the face of Indian shooting. Winning an Olympic medal was just an inevitability. It was written in her destiny. Talent was not the question, steady mind was. Pressure at Olympics is completely different. Manu, at 22, is already seen as a veteran. She had competed at the last Olympics, failed to win a medal, went into a shell, even thought of giving up the sport. That perhaps made her stronger and fortified her resilience. Nothing could hurt her any more.

She drifted away from her coach Jaspal Rana and it was not until last year that they buried the hatchet and decided to carve out a new destiny. The two combine well and that's the mojo. Manu spoke about the journey she had with her coach Jaspal. "I'm grateful that all those years of hard work that we have put together paid off with this, and probably even more. We will not let this get the better of us. We will keep trying hard, and I definitely owe a lot to him for making this. He made the training so difficult for me that when it came to performing, it wasn't very difficult for me. So he played a huge role in the medal, it's the sweat and blood of both of us and many more also."

Manu Bhaker became the first Indian woman shooter to win an Olympic medal | PTI

On Tokyo and now

Manu recollected the harrowing experience of Tokyo 2020 as well. But she blamed her for that failure. "Kahi na kahin, meri hi laparwahi hogi (somewhere it was my mistake). There must have been some shortcomings from my end because of what happened." She said that it is always better to leave the past behind and look forward with hope. "If you can't win something, you should take lessons from it, which in turn will help you improve further going forward," she said.

"If I didn't have that lesson in my life, maybe I wouldn't be here today. So I'm grateful that at such a young age, in my first Olympics experience, I learnt the kind of things that people take years to learn. It's after that that I'm standing in front of you today. And now I understand the value of this, and what the kind of hard work and effort it takes to get here." With this attitude she would approach the next phase of her life.

MANU LEADS THE WAY

1996 India have won at least one medal at every Olympics since the one at Atlanta in 1996

22 Out of India's last 22 Olympic medals going back to 1996, 21 have been individual medals.

Manu Bhaker's series

Stage 1— 50.4

Stage 2— 100.3

Next 10 shots— 10.5, 10.4, 9.8, 9.8, 9.9, 10.2, 10.1, 10.2, 10.1, 10, 10.1, 10.3

PREVIOUS SHOOTING MEDALLISTS

Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, **silver 2004 (Athens)**

Abhinav Bindra, **gold 2008 (Beijing)**

Vijay Kumar, **silver 2012 (London)**

Gagan Narang, **bronze 2012 (London)**

TOP THREE

Jin Ye Oh (KOR)	243.2
Yeji Kim (KOR)	241.3
Manu Bhaker	221.7

WHAT'S ON STORE IN THE SHOOTING RANGES TODAY

- Arjun Babuta will be in action in the final of the men's 10m air rifle event. His qualifying score of 630.1 was the seventh best (Sandeep Singh finished 12th with a score of 629.3).
- Ramita Jindal will shoot in the women's 10m air rifle final after qualifying in fifth place with a score of 631.5 (Elavenil Valarivan, among the leaders for the majority of the qualifying stage, finished 10th with a score of 630.7).
- Bhaker will be in action on Monday with Sarabjot Singh in the mixed 10m air pistol event. Rhythm Sangwan and Arjun Singh are the other Indian pairing in that.

After public fallout, redemption for coach

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chateauroux (France)

JASPAL Rana did not have an accreditation that allowed him access to the Field of Play (FoP). He did not get the accreditation for a national coach because he was a personal. However, it is understood that he got the accreditation after Manu Bhaker requested the IOA.

He was sitting among the audience but visible to Manu Bhaker. His presence is crucial because he gives her courage. "A look gives me courage," she said after the bronze at the Chateauroux Shooting Centre on Sunday. Communication was through the eyes. There is a special bonding and the medium is the empty air. "If you believe in someone you just don't need to talk," he said. "That happens with any coach and a ward I think."

Manu started well. At one point, she was second. The final score too seemed tantalisingly close. Just one point led to Manu's elimination. South Koreans were one, two. Oh Ye Jin won gold with an Olympic record of 243.2 while Kim Yeji settled for silver scoring 241.3. When Manu won the bronze, Jaspal got up from his seat and quietly left the hall. "My job was done so I left," he would say later.

It was not all Hunky Dory for Jaspal and Manu. Like Manu, he too suffered after the Tokyo Games. It was only last year the two came together. It was not easy for both, but they did manage to put that phase behind and look forward. That changed everything. He was not among the favourite coaches in the National Rifle Association of India. When Manu won it was cathartic. It is perhaps the moment Jaspal was waiting for. Not for anything, but the way things unfolded after Tokyo, he was left alone, castigated and almost broken. This is his redemption time. He has silenced those who had questioned him after Tokyo. He has answered them in the most fitting way - through results, a bronze at the Olympics. He did not want to brood over spilt milk though he has made references here and there. He did not want the moment of Manu to be diluted. There were people trying to pit one against the other but for Manu, it was Jaspal's training methods that suited her. Jaspal took positives from the setback during their journey. He believes that those controversial moments and tough times have made Manu more resilient.

"Those big things trained her to be stronger and helped her to mature," he said. Though Manu credits her coach for the medal, Jaspal believes he has played a small role. And as a coach he was just doing what he loves to do – training. "I have been doing this for the last 12 years. Then also I gave my 100% and even now I am doing the same. It was good enough that I had time only for her," he said. Coaching is his passion and it was never about making money. "It's not a money-making academy (in Dehradun)." Jaspal also said that it depends on Manu whether he would continue further. "If I am needed, I will be there, if not then I will not be there. It never ends."

The next event, 25m pistol individual qualification and the mixed 10m air pistol qualification and final are scheduled for Monday. The two will now sit down and plan their next competition. "You have to be ready for the next competition. No matter even if she wins multiple medals or even gold for that matter. If the country needs to win the next Olympics and if we are thinking about the 2036 Olympics in India, we should be ready to win a lot of medals. Because hosting the Olympics and not getting medals is not good. I don't have a degree for coaching. I was not good enough for the NRAI to select me for national coach last time. So I don't know what is actually required." One over, two more to follow. She will pair with Sarabjot Singh in mixed 10m air pistol Monday and then the 25m pistol round begins later.

India at the Games (IST)

BADMINTON
MEN'S DOUBLES GROUP STAGE
12 PM: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
WOMEN'S DOUBLES GROUP STAGE
12.50 PM: Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto
MEN'S SINGLES GROUP STAGE
5.30 PM: Lakshya Sen

SHOOTING: 10M AIR PISTOL MIXED TEAM QUALIFICATION
Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh, Rhythm Sangwan, Arjun Singh Cheema
10M AIR RIFLE WOMEN'S FINAL
1 PM: Ramita Jindal

10M AIR RIFLE MEN'S FINAL
3.30 PM: Arjun Babuta
TRAP MEN'S QUALIFICATION
1 PM: Prithviraj Tondaiman

HOCKEY
4.15 PM: Indian Men's Team

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MEN'S TEAM QUARTERFINALS
6.30 PM: Tarundeep Rai, Dhiraj Bommadevara, Pravin Jadhav

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Artistic: Gymnastics Men's team final
Swimming: Women's 400m IM final
Diving: Men's Synchronised 10m platform final

MEDALS (till 12:15 AM)

1	Australia	4(G)	2(S)	0(B)
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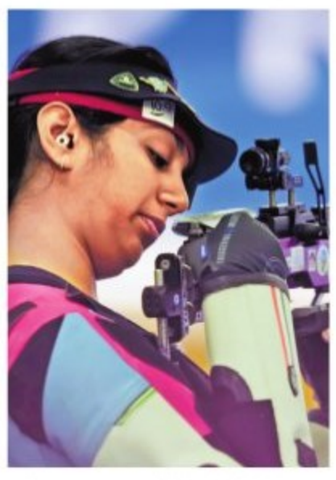
3	Japan	3	2	1
3	S Korea	3	2	1
5	China	3	1	1
22	India	0	0	1



India's Ramita Jindal finished fifth to qualify for the final on Sunday | AP

Ramita, Babuta enter 10m air rifle finals

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chateauroux

THE sun finally broke through. Literally. At the far away Chateauroux Shooting Centre, some 250km away from Paris, the weather cleared even for the Indian shooting team. The first hours of gloom on Saturday gave way to optimism and hope. On Sunday, two more shooters stormed into the final. First, it was Ramita Jindal in the 10m air rifle. It was not until the final series, she picked up. Like she always maintained, it was not a strategy that she would want to finish slow but if it helped then she would not mind.

Later in the day, Arjun Babuta secured a spot in the 10m air rifle final after finishing seventh in the qualification. The 25-year-old Babuta shot a series of 105.7, 104.9, 105.5, 105.4, 104.0 and 104.6 to make the cut with a score of 630.1 points.

Earlier, Ramita was languishing in the 10-11 until the penultimate series while her teammate Elavenil Valarivan seemed absolutely in the zone. She was third-fourth and was sure to qualify but 9.8 in the final series pulled her out of the qualifying bracket where only the top eight advance. She was distraught and sat on the chair helpless wondering what she could have done better.

As she sat down, Ramita secured her position in the fifth. She remained calm and ended with a series of 105.7. She hugged coach Suma Shirur. There is a common thread that binds the two shooters. They train at the CSS Centre in Chennai. Ramita has been staying there for about a year now. She believes in process and would rely on it when she steps out for the final. She takes one shot at a time and tries not to think too much. Monday will be just another day where all her qualifying scores come to nothing. And she knows she has to begin fresh from zero. But the Asian Games bronze medallist will once again rely on the process to medal in her maiden Olympics. After all, like she says, it's a dream come true to be in the Olympics and she will live that dream one more day on Monday – the final day.

SEINE FROM PARIS

Marchand pockets 400m IM gold

PARIS: France's Leon Marchand smashed the Olympic record to win gold in the men's 400m IM. The local boy, favoured to win this event, lived upto expectations with a dominating performance as he won by a margin of over five seconds. Japan's Tomoyuki Matsushita and Carson Foster won the minor medals. Marchand is considered to be the next big thing in swimming.

Coco, 14, wins street skateboard gold

PARIS: Japan's 14-year-old Coco Yoshizawa won women's street skateboarding gold at the Paris Olympics on Sunday in an all-teenage final. Fellow Japanese Liz Akama took silver with Brazilian Rayssa Leal collecting bronze.

INDIA ROUND-UP

Nikhat prevails over German boxer to enter pre-quarterfinals

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NIKHAT Zareen powered into the women's 50kg pre-quarterfinals with a 5-0 victory over Germany's Maxi Karina Kloetzer. She will take on top-seeded Asian Games and reigning flyweight world champion Wu Yu of China on Thursday.

Sindhu, Prannoy win

Indian shuttler PV Sindhu began her campaign with a straight games win over Maldives' Fathimath Abdul Razzaq in the women's singles group stage match. She took just 29 minutes to dispatch her lower-ranked opponent 21-9 21-6. HS Prannoy also opened his maiden campaign in Olympics with a straight-game win over Fabian Roth of Germany in men's singles.

Complication for Sen

Lakshya Sen's win over Kevin Cordon has effectively been deleted for tournament records after the latter's withdrawal. It now means that the Indian shuttler, now in a group comprising three players, will have to beat both of those players to advance. The other two players are Julien Carraggi and Jonathan Cristie.

Women's archery team loses

Indian women's archery team endured a forgettable outing as they went down 0-6 to the Netherlands in the quarterfinals.

Sharath makes shock exit

Indian table tennis veteran Achanta Sharath Kamal made a shock exit from the men's singles event but Manika Batra started her campaign with a 4-1 thrashing of her opponent in a round of 64 match. Earlier in the day, India's top-ranked woman paddler Sreeja Akula entered the round of 32 with a clinical 4-0 win over Sweden's Christina Kallberg.

Swimming campaign ends

India's swimming campaign came to an end with both Srihari Nataraj & Dhinidhi Desinghu failing to reach the semifinals of their respective events.

USA Cricket appoints Atkieson as CEO

USA Cricket has fulfilled one of the two critical requirements to avoid being disqualified as an ICC Associate nations by appointing Jonathan Atkieson as its chief executive officer effective August 1. As per the norm, it is necessary for every governing body to earn the National Governing Body (NGB) status which is needed for all sports added in 2028 Olympic Games.

US' Simone Biles competes in the balance beam event of the artistic gymnastics women's qualification during the Paris 2024 Olympic Games at the Bercy Arena, Paris on Sunday | AFP

BILES RETURNS TO BIG STAGE IN STYLE

Simone Biles didn't let some leg discomfort slow her down. The American gymnastics superstar posted an all-around total of 59.566 during Olympic qualifying on Sunday inside a packed and star-studded Bercy Arena despite complaining of a left calf injury that had her limping.

U.S. gymnastics coach Cecile Landi said the issue popped up a couple of weeks ago and described it as minor. Landi said there was no discussion of pulling Biles' from the event. "I can't express it," she said. "I'm really proud of her and what she's been through and what she's showing the world what she's capable of doing."

After dazzling on the balance beam, Biles appeared to tweak the leg while warming up on floor exercise during the second rotation. She exited the floor with Team USA doctor Marcia Faustin — a scene that played out three years ago in Tokyo when Biles removed herself from the team final to protect her safety. This wasn't deja vu, however. The 27-year-old returned to the floor a few minutes later with her left leg taped and was heard on camera saying she felt something in her calf. She put on a show-stopping performance anyway. Biles posted the highest score on floor and vault through two subdivisions, a position she'll likely find herself in at the end of the day as she tries to add to her career total of seven Olympic medals. he only adjustment she made was deciding to skip attempting a unique skill on uneven bars she submitted to the International Gymnastics Federation on Friday. Instead, she did her usual set to score a 14.333. She tried to keep from putting too much weight on her leg following her dismount. Her day's work done, Biles celebrated by waving to the crowd and dancing with friend and longtime teammate Jordan Chiles as the five-woman U.S. team zoomed to the top of the leaderboard as expected. The Americans scored a 172.296, well clear of the field after two subdivisions as they search for what they're calling "redemption" after finishing runner-up to Russia three years ago. The question now: Will Biles' leg be an ongoing issue? The team final is Tuesday, and the women's all-around final is Thursday.

The stands were buzzing and filled with celebrities. Her gravitational pull is real. Athletes across the Olympic spectrum have said they want to make it a point to catch the most decorated gymnast of all time in what could be the final competition of her unparalleled career. *AP*

Perera's fighting fifty in vain as India seal series

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@ Chennai

KUSAL Perera scored 53 off 34 balls as Sri Lanka posted 161/9 against India in the second T20I played in Pallekele on Sunday. However, in a rain-curtailed tie India had no problem in getting across the line.

Put into bat first, Sri Lanka lost Kusal Mendis early. However, Perera, along with Pathum Nissanka, kept the innings going. The latter fell to Ravi Bishnoi but Perera continued to fight. He crossed his half century with Sri Lanka looking posted for a big total — 139/3 after 15.5 overs. That is when Perera got out to Hardik Pandya. Things went downhill quickly from there on. Bishnoi struck on consecutive balls as Sri Lanka, once again, collapsed. From 139/4, they went to 161/9, adding 22 runs in four overs while losing five more wickets in the process. **Brief scores:** SL 161/9 in 20 ovs (Perera 53, Nissanka 32; Bishnoi 3/26) **lost to** India 81/3 in 6.3 ovs (Jaiswal 30).

Indian leg spinner Ravi Bishnoi (2nd from right) with captain Suryakumar Yadav (right)) and his teammates during the second T20I against Sri Lanka | AP

Historic Asia Cup win for SL women

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

ABOUT 24 months ago when India women toured Sri Lanka, it was the first time in about three years the hosts were playing a home series. The last one was in March 2019 against England. Since the pandemic broke, they went 18 months without international cricket, because Sri Lanka Cricket did not organise any, and as a result, missed out on the qualification for the 2022 ODI World Cup.

The Chamari Athapaththu-led side, at the time, was hurt and wanted to show the world what they could achieve. At the core of it was their captain Athapaththu, who had seen the best and worst of women's cricket, who has already written her legacy as one of the greatest cricketers in the country. But she wanted more, for herself and for the team. And the more meant results, series wins and trophies.

In that series against India, Sri Lanka came out with one T20I win, but that was just the seed. The series wins followed against Bangladesh, England and South Africa. And on Sunday, as Kavisha Dilhari smacked Pooja Vastrakar out of the ground in front of a packed Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium to beat India in the final of the Asia Cup, Sri Lanka had the trophy.

Sri Lanka's Kavisha Dilhari celebrates after hitting the winning six in final | SLC

The celebrations said it all. From the players who ran onto the field to the biggest crowd this Sri Lankan women's team had seen, the emotions were palpable. What makes the clinical victory all the more sweet is that it proves what Athapaththu had been repeating for a while now. The next-gen Sri Lankan stars are ready to take the team forward. Harshitha Samarawickrama, Kavisha Dilhari, Vishmi Gunaratne are just the beginning of the list. This victory, against India, to win their Asia Cup, too, is a new beginning. Come October, Chamari's team will be in Bangladesh pursuing a much bigger trophy - the T20 World Cup.

Brief scores: India 165/6 in 20 ovs (Mandhana 60, Richa 30; Kavisha 2/36) **lost to** Sri Lanka 167/2 in 18.4 ovs (Chamari 61, Harshitha 69 n.o, Kavisha 30 n.o).

EXPRESS READ

TNPL: Madurai, Nellai register victories

DINDIGUL: Karthick Manikandan took three wickets for 23 runs as Madurai Panthers beat Chepauk Super Gillies by nine runs in TNPL. In the second game, Nellai Royal Kings beat Dindigul Dragons by four wickets with G Ajitesh's 39-ball 43 taking them across the line in a 137-run chase. Earlier, put into bat first, Madurai posted 191/4, thanks to efforts from Suresh Lokeshwar (55), J Kousik (43 n.o) and NS Chaturved (26 n.o). In reply, Chepauk could only manage 182/8 in 20 overs.

Belgian GP: Russell holds off Hamilton

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS: George Russell led a Mercedes one-two with Lewis Hamilton at Formula One's Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday. Russell claimed his second win of the season and the third of the British driver's career after pulling off an audacious one-stop strategy while all the rest of the top cars stopped twice. Hamilton finished ahead of McLaren's Oscar Piastri. Max Verstappen crossed fifth behind Charles Leclerc after Verstappen started from 11th following a 10-place grid penalty.

Amita Desai, Honorary Consul of Germany for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and Founding Director of Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad, speaks to **Lovely Majumdar** about the several compelling reasons to embrace Germany as a study abroad destination

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STRETCHING its arms wide, Germany welcomes international students to its heartland. An education internationally revered, a qualification gained in Germany brings one good repute wherever they go.

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The University Library Heidelberg in Germany is the central library of the University of Heidelberg. It constitutes 83 decentralised libraries of the faculties and institutes of the University Library System, which is headed by the director of the University Library. It was established in the year 1388.

Could Germany emerge as the preferred destination for Indian students in the coming years, given the evolving relationship between India and Germany?

Amita Desai in an exclusive conversation with EdexLive tells us more

AFTER India gained its independence and Germany came out of the throes of the war, there was a gradual economic and political mobilisation between both nations, said the official. Discussing how the nations were rebuilding themselves and establishing a global presence, Desai said that both Indian and German governments since the 50s have found their relationship meaningful in the context of politics, society, particularly education, and research, hence, there has been a history of collaborations and steady growth between them, she mentioned. Emphasising this, she added that there has been a consistent exchange of knowledge between both countries.

Why do some universities charge tuition fees?

A few private universities, especially in the state of Baden-Württemberg — home to Germany's many renowned universities, charge mandatory tuition fees of 1,500 Euros per semester from all non-EU students. This means that a few of the state's more well-known cities such as Heidelberg, Freiburg, Stuttgart, and Constance, will charge this tuition fee at their universities, but there are special circumstances where your fees can be reduced or waived.

THE director informed that one could visit any institution and they would find the level of education to be the same. Also, there may be a few universities that levy fees for specialised courses. But not to forget! Students get to enjoy perks such as free-of-cost public transport & visits to a few exhibitions. Students can work 120 to 140 full days or 240 to 280 half days. They can also work up to 20 hours per week.

Students must be aware that working more than the prescribed hours in Schwarzarbeit in Germany, can have its consequences. Further, one cannot lose class hours and work full-time, or else the purpose of your residency will be questioned and you will be in violation of your visa. Which can lead to fines, warnings, and in severe cases, deportation. You can also face a year-long ban on entering the Schengen zone again.

Why 90% of the universities are public in Germany

Of the 423 odd institutes of higher learning in Germany, 309 are public universities offering high-quality education. The quality of education in both are comparable and of high standards

Consul for Germany Desai finished her Master's from the University of Hamburg, a public university in Germany in American Studies, English Studies and Education.

For someone who spent a considerable time in Germany, she describes education as an investment for the German government. "Germans have not invested in large roadshows or advertisements, but look to reach students directly. As a knowledge-based society, Germany invests in the students' future hence, education here is primarily free of cost. Germans feel that if there is talent, it should be nurtured," she said.

Students do not have to take assistance from external agents, buy and reserve themselves a seat at universities or pay for applications. She lauds the efforts put in by today's youth in India to understand the importance of exploring such possibilities.

University of Hamburg

Ask yourself these Qs...

- What research is being done in the area of my choice?
- What is the scope of the course?
- Would the varsity cater to my needs and requirements?
- Do I like the city the varsity is in?

Websites that may help you, as suggested by Desai

www.mygermanuniversity.com
www.dwih-newdelhi.org/en/
www.daad.de/en/
www.study-in-germany.de
www.daad.de/international-programmes
www.daad.de/PhD
www.myguide.de
www.daad.de
www.daad.de/university-ranking
www.daad.de/u-of-applied-sciences
www.daad.de/preparatory-courses

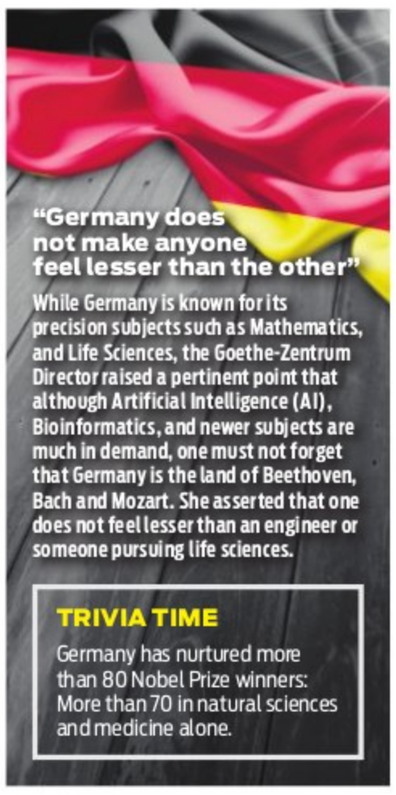
Germany, the golden ticket?

The German population is on the decline and they need to stay at the top of the global market. They need to have talent...talent in the form of students and skilled workers, talent in the form of cutting-edge research and academia.

ACCORDING to Amita Desai, over the next ten years, there will be a need to balance skill requirements and the population deficit. She noted that there is a lacuna that needs to be addressed. Centres have been established to assist job seekers in finding employment. Although Germany does not have a "campus placement" system, active networking and opportunities for internships provided by universities lead to numerous job options.

Jobs and opportunities are market-driven. Nurses and other paramedical workers are in huge demand, as other fields within healthcare. There is scope in academia, research, innovation and beyond.

Germany is seeking to formulate guest-friendly regulations for foreign workforce enabling them to bring in their families if they receive a work visa or a residence permit. "If one has their family there, it would be easy for the individual to assimilate into society," says Amita Desai.



"Germany does not make anyone feel lesser than the other"

While Germany is known for its precision subjects such as Mathematics, and Life Sciences, the Goethe-Zentrum Director raised a pertinent point that although Artificial Intelligence (AI), Bioinformatics, and newer subjects are much in demand, one must not forget that Germany is the land of Beethoven, Bach and Mozart. She asserted that one does not feel lesser than an engineer or someone pursuing life sciences.

TRIVIA TIME

Germany has nurtured more than 80 Nobel Prize winners: More than 70 in natural sciences and medicine alone.

DILEMMA OF THE LANGUAGE?

THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, SAYS AMITA DESAI

Fret not, as the expert gives us a list of pointers that will serve you well while learning German

1. German is a phonetic language like several Indian languages. The Indian tongue is used to learning and speaking other languages, so why worry? We are born to be bi-/trilingual so Indians can handle a new language, and even excel in it.
2. Germany has made it possible for more than 43,000 students to study there. Why? There are courses in the English language, making it easier for international students.
3. Going to a new country and want to experience their culture, or connect with the locals? Well, knowing the language makes it easier.
4. What would be the use of visiting a new country and returning without any cultural exposure? Live it! Experience it!
5. Thinking of employment and internships? Learning the language will of course give you brownie points.
6. For literature enthusiasts, to understand local writings, why not learn the language and widen your horizons?
7. From the point of visa requirement, Germans would also want to know if you are capable of coming to the country and adapting to the culture.

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PURPOSE

NASA works on the phenomena in the atmosphere, and the development & operation of vehicles carrying instruments and living organisms through space

MISSION AND VISION

In 1961, Prez Kennedy declared that America should put a man on the moon by the decade end. On July 20, 1969, NASA's Apollo 11 mission achieved that goal

Suit up for monsoon

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DRESSING DOWN

'Unimaginative', 'a wasted opportunity' and 'underwhelming'...designers and athletes weigh in on the controversial ceremonial outfits sported by the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympics

POOJA DAS

India is the land of world-class silk and cotton. Instead they decided to use other fabrics, which didn't live up to the expectations for an event like the Olympics

Bassam Osman, celebrity designer

For a ceremonial dress, we should showcase the best. Naturally, the whole nation is angry because everyone in India has seen the wealth of our textiles

Pavithra Muddaya, co-founder, Vimor

When you look at other costumes, they showcased a lot of colour, culture, and fabrics. The Indian outfit was just normal, and it did not show the kind of heritage we have

Nisha Millet, former Olympic swimmer

PARIS Olympics 2024 opened on Friday with a spectacular show of France's rich culture and heritage. As athletes from more than 200 countries sailed the Seine, all eyes were set on the ceremonial outfits representing their own unique worlds, be it Mognolia's embroidered vests or Haiti's costumes featuring art by painter Philippe Dodard. However, when it came to the Indian team, led by female flagbearer PV Sindhu donning outfits designed by the celebrated designer Tarun Tahiliani, many felt the result fell short, igniting widespread criticism on social media.

"I was pretty underwhelmed by the outfits designed for the Indian team. I didn't think it stood out. You would expect more from one of the top designers in the country who was given a free hand. When you look at some of the other countries, they showcased a lot of colour, culture, and fabrics. The Indian outfit was just normal, and it did not show the kind of heritage we have," shares former Olympic swimmer Nisha Millet.

Bengaluru-based celebrity designer Bassam Osman, who has designed looks for personalities like Tamil actor Suriya echoes the sentiment, adding that it felt like a 'wasted opportunity'. "I wish they had done this with a lot more pride and love. India is a country with so many beautiful colours and weaves, representing our diverse cultures. It is the land of world-class silk and cotton. Instead they decided to use other fabrics, which didn't really live up to the expectations for an event like the Olympics," he says.

Reflecting on the argument of choosing viscose for athletic wear, Pavithra Muddaya, co-founder of Vimor, known for their legacy ties with personalities like Indira Gandhi, shares, "It's not activewear, it's ceremonial. If it was something worn daily, I would understand. For a ceremonial dress, we should showcase the best. I saw the other costumes like the Mongolian one and our's is disappointing in comparison. Naturally, the whole nation is angry because everyone in India has seen the wealth of our textiles."

LAST-MINUTE JOB FEELS

With every state having a unique weave, there is a lot more that could have been done, highlights fashion stylist Gayatri Nambiar. "We have the craftsmen and fabric study to be at the level of Monogolia's costumes. Even with accessories, they haven't done much. It looks like they have just put the flag on the outfit and feels like a last-minute job," says Nambiar.

While agreeing that the tricolour was a significant aspect of the outfit, Muddaya says 'they could have been more imaginative in how it's placed'.

Along with using viscose, the use of digital ikat prints over traditional handcrafts has also come under much scrutiny. "We have such a wealth of knowledge that no other country can touch us. Yet, we chose to do it with digital prints, which is very disappointing," says Muddaya.

PV Sindhu in the ceremonial outfit

Outfits of Haiti (above) and Mongolia (below)

PRASAD BIDAPA
(Fashion Curator)

FASHION FURORE

'ATHLETES WERE NOT ON THEIR WAY TO A WEDDING'

As the barges floated down the Seine at the opening ceremony of this riparian extravaganza to celebrate the start of the Paris 2024 Olympics, India fully expected to see at the very least the grand finale of the Ambani wedding complete with Nita Ambani in full Mahabharata couture and Mughal jewellery, holding our flag aloft, and every athlete turned out as gorgeously as our Bollywood starlets at the many dazzling balls that India overdosed on last month. We almost expected Kim Kardashian to be bringing up the rear in something dangerously low-cut!

What they saw seemed to disappoint them. "Arre yaar, what is this saree-wari and kurta-pyjama," cried the newly-minted fashion critics – forgetting entirely that this is the look of the real India; an ever beautiful and timeless saree worn in the Mysore ulta palla style, with the men dressed much like many men in India do, in the supremely comfortable kurta-pyajama and bundi which is as close to perfection as one can sartorially get. The athletes looked relaxed and radiated positivity as our flag fluttered in the Parisienne breeze. The sudden downpour could not dampen their spirits, and they quickly dried in the lightweight natural viscose fabric, a sensible choice given that the Mongolian team was wearing a heavy fabric, maybe wool which can get very soggy and heavy when wet, taking forever to dry.

There's a back story to this. The Sports Ministry commissioned this project to Tasva, the menswear brand helmed by the supremely-talented Tarun Tahiliani. He belongs to India's fashion royalty, from the very first generation of designers who followed everyone's favourite OG Ritu Kumar. He was the first serious designer to open a luxury store – the iconic Ensemble in Mumbai– which created a new narrative for luxury retail in this country. The project was only commissioned last year by the previous minister and as is their wont, the project dragged on and hit a full stop when the Elections were announced. By the time it resumed, it was just a few months before the deadline, and design plans had been changed. Tahiliani finally got them to sign off on the final look and the ceremonial costumes went into production.

Models donning the ceremonial outfits designed by Tarun Tahiliani

Here is what Tahiliani had to say about the brief. "Tasva's ceremonial dress for Team India at the Paris Olympics is an ode to the young and dynamic avatar of our nation. It is not a fashion statement but rather it honours our athletes and the spirit of the event. The vision was clear – keep the focus on the athletes, while adding a touch of minimalist detailing fit for the occasion. The uniforms draw inspiration from our national tricolour flag, as many countries proudly wear their flag's colours.

The bundi jacket is a symbol of Indian sartorial elegance. It features sporty safari pockets and epaulettes. Inspired by our Armed Forces, these details also symbolise a unified rank for athletes across different sports. For women, the saree stands as the true Indian silhouette. The digital ikat print in tricolour has been thoughtfully chosen to complement the riverside setting from dusk to sunset. The ikat inspiration represents a rich cultural tradition across India. The choice of print over handloom is to ensure consistency across all uniforms and materials (bundi, blouse, and saree). The base ivory shade reflects inclusivity, embracing every skin tone with grace and subtlety. This universal colour symbolises unity and diversity. The sneakers incorporate brocade fabric, celebrating the Indian textile tradition of Benares.

Keeping in mind the Paris summers, the uniforms are crafted from premium cotton and viscose blends. The materials ensure lightweight comfort and breathability while also being perfect for draping with minimal maintenance. The sarees are also pre-pleated keeping in mind our athletes' convenience. This year's uniform isn't about being loud. There was a conscious decision not to go overboard with heavy embroidery and embellishments. It's about understated sophistication, paying tribute to our national flag as the athletes proudly represent the nation on the global stage."

A lot of the criticism stemmed from the fact that the fabrics did not reflect the handloom heritage of India. But viscose is a natural fibre, lightweight and comfortable. The minimalist and basic idea did not resonate with critics of the look, who felt that India had more to offer in terms of pageantry and drama. This is not a platform for the craftspeople of India – who it may interest you to know are doing very well indeed with business booming, in the words of many fashion and craft experts that I spoke to.

We seem to be heading towards a sartorial standard that equates maximalism with the idea of India. Wretched excess be damned! Bring on the bling and turn every look into a triumphant bridal moment, glittering with precious stones and inspired by any passing fancy. From the high society weddings to the FDCI couture fashion shows currently being held in New Delhi, the emphasis is on the royal, the resplendent and the rare. Even here our craftspeople shine, with designers like Suneet Varma offering hand-crafted ensembles that are stunning and intricate in their details.

The athletes were not on their way to a wedding, and the salute to the most beautiful of our costumes with no added embellishments allowed the personalities of our athletes to shine through. This was the ultimate aim, and I think it was achieved extremely well!

(The writer's views are personal)

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner will win a voucher worth ₹2,000 from Lucknowee**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Haak Saag
2) Taro
3) Yardlong

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Sitag Raj
2) Ratish Trehan
3) Murali SL

XPRESS FOCUS

World Hepatitis Day 2024

It Is Time for Action

DR UMESH JALIHAL

Today, on World Hepatitis Day, the global community unites under the powerful theme, "It's Time for Action." This year's theme serves as a clarion call for urgent and decisive measures to combat the hepatitis epidemic that continues to affect millions around the world.

Hepatitis, encompassing viral types A, B, C, D, and E, is a serious public health issue that causes inflammation of the liver, leading to severe complications such as liver cirrhosis and cancer. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that over 354 million people globally live with chronic hepatitis B or C, with many unaware of their condition due to insufficient testing and healthcare infrastructure.

The urgency of "It's Time for Action" underscores the need for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to address this global health crisis. Key areas of focus include:

1.Enhanced Screening and Early Diagnosis: Many people with hepatitis are asymptomatic and unaware of their infection. Increasing access to regular screening and diagnostic services is critical for early detection and timely intervention.

2.Widespread Vaccination: Vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to prevent hepatitis A and B. Strengthening immunization programs, especially in high-risk areas, can help curb the spread of these infections.

3.Broadening Treatment Access: Effective treatments are available for hepatitis B and C, but access remains uneven. Expanding availability of these treatments, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, is essential for reducing the disease burden.

4.Raising Public Awareness: Educating communities about the transmission, prevention, and treatment of hepatitis is crucial. Public awareness campaigns can help reduce stigma and encourage individuals to seek testing and treatment.

5.Investing in Research and Development: Continued investment in research is necessary to develop new vaccines, treatments, and diagnostic tools. Innovation in these areas will drive progress towards eliminating hepatitis.

6.Strengthening Healthcare Systems: Building robust healthcare infrastructures and integrating hepatitis services into existing health systems will improve overall management and care for those affected by the virus.

The call to action for World Hepatitis Day 2024 is a reminder that while we have made progress in combating hepatitis, much work remains. Governments, healthcare providers, and communities must collaborate to implement effective strategies and drive forward initiatives that will bring about meaningful change.

As we observe this important day, let us commit to taking concrete steps to tackle hepatitis. By increasing awareness, improving access to care, and fostering innovation, we can move closer to a world free from the threat of hepatitis.

For more information on how to get involved and support the fight against hepatitis, visit the World Health Organisation's website or local health organizations dedicated to hepatitis advocacy and support.

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BOOK NOOK

Long Island Compromise
By Taffy Brodesser-Akner

The novel is a fictionalised account of a real kidnapping. When the Fletcher family patriarch is kidnapped from his driveway in the suburbs of New York in the 1980s, the effects of his abduction follow the lives of his three children even into their adulthood.

Anita de Monte Laughs Last
By Xochitl Gonzalez

Anita de Monte, a rising star in the art world, is found dead in New York City; her tragic death is the talk of the town. Until it isn't. By 1998, Anita's name had been all but forgotten—certainly by the time Raquel, a third-year art history student, was preparing her final thesis.

All Fours
By Miranda July

A semi-famous artist announces her plan to drive cross-country from LA to New York. Twenty minutes after leaving her husband and child at home, she spontaneously exits the motorway, beds down in a nondescript motel, and immerses herself in a temporary reinvention that turns out to be the start of an entirely different journey.

The Women
By Kristin Hannah

The novel is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country have too often been forgotten.

WOVEN ART

Visitors explore a handcrafted textiles and accessories exhibition over the weekend | ALLEN EGE NUSE J

QUICKFIX

AVOCADO TOAST

INGREDIENTS

- **Ripe avocados:** 2
- **Bread slices:** 4 (sourdough, whole grain, or your choice)
- **Lemon or lime juice:** 1 tbsp
- **Salt and pepper, to taste**
- **Optional toppings:** cherry tomatoes, feta cheese, poached egg, red pepper flakes, or microgreens

METHOD

- Toast the slices until golden and crisp.
- Halve the avocados, pit them, and scoop them into a bowl. Mash with lemon or lime juice, salt, and pepper.
- Spread the mashed avocado evenly on each slice of toast.
- Serve immediately.

Contributed by **Lavanya S**, Chennai

DR VIVEK ARORA

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The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

I want to get another rabbit, but I already have a 3-year-old non-neutered male rabbit. I am afraid there will be territorial fights. What should I do?

It's such a good idea that you are thinking of another bunny as a companion for your existing one. Inter-gender rivalry is an issue that can arise with respect to competitive space, food, or attention. My suggestion to you is to neuter the current male rabbit. Introduce the younger one gradually in the same space. Initially, such sessions shouldn't last more than a few minutes. Do it when you are around, and let the elder one realise his presence. It can be done by keeping them side by side in separate enclosures as well. Provide positive reinforcement in the form of treats if they both behave well. Gradually, the hierarchy among the rabbits will be settled.

ASK AN XPERT

FITBIT

SAVASANA VARIATION ARMS OVERHEAD BENT LEGS POSE

(CONSTRUCTIVE REST ARMS OVERHEAD POSE)

This is a variation of the Savasana (Corpse Pose) and Savasana Variation Bent Legs (Constructive Rest Pose). This supine restorative pose is both a transitional and a relaxing pose after an intense practice. The difference between these poses is the stretching of the arms, it is extended above the head and neatly laid on the mat. This pose is also a great way to release the psoas muscles. This variation is mainly practised to bring more awareness to the body, especially the lower back and lower abdomen. It can also be practised by people who are recovering from prolonged illnesses, lying on the bed.

STEPS

- Align in Savasana Variation Bent Legs and stay here for 4–5 minutes.
- Inhale and stretch your arms above you and place them on the floor behind you.
- Extend your arms and keep your shoulders stable.
- Don't lift your shoulders off the mat and keep them away from the ears, creating a little space that allows relaxation of the neck muscles.
- An extended arm stretch above your head on the floor gives a gentle stretch to the heart muscles, slowly activating the heart while contracting the diaphragm. Remain here with calm breathing, and observe the abdominal and torso stretching.
- Feel the intercostal muscles open up, expanding the rib cage.
- After staying in the above pose as per your capacity, bring your arms to the sides of the body and settle back in Savasana Variation Bent Legs.
- Take 4–5 breaths here, relax, and rest in the final savasana.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have acute back pain, herniated disc, migraine, or heart-related conditions, pregnant women with breathing difficulties, or pressure on the diaphragm, should avoid this.
- Senior citizens who have breathing problems should consider doing the Constructive Rest Pose Upper Body On Bolster or Savasana Variation Chair to support the back while focusing on breathing.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the arms, armpits, shoulders, and upper chest.
- Helps stretch the spine.
- It is a cooling-down pose to relax and release the tight muscles.
- Helps to relax and release the tension in the psoas muscles.
- Helps keep the body's physical, mental, and emotional balance.
- Helps to bring the heart rate back to normal.
- Opens the intercostal muscles and enhances the space in the rib cage, benefiting the lungs.
- Reduces back pain by limiting muscle spasms, strengthening postural muscles, and improving coordination and flexibility.
- Therapeutic to patients with mild depression, anxiety, and trauma.
- Can be done at night to address body fatigue and insomnia.
- Helps asthma patients.
- Pregnant women will find comfort relaxing in this alternative variation of Savasana.
- Seniors, new mothers, and pregnant women can perform this task.
- Helps increase the functioning of the nervous, respiratory, reproductive, and lymphatic systems.
- Enhances the blood circulation to the upper body and the heart.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Wild Shots

Experience Nature's Splendour, a wildlife photography exhibition by renowned forest officer & photographer MN Jayakumar.

WHEN: August 2, 11.30am
WHERE: Sublime Galleria, 8th floor, UB City
CALL: 98440 06736

Laugh Out Loud

Unwind with your loved ones, share hearty laughs, and create unforgettable memories at this standup comedy show.

WHEN: July 31, 9.30pm
WHERE: 1 Bar House Kitchen, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Bollywood Bash

Dance to the latest Bollywood and Punjabi hits, and unwind after a busy day.

WHEN: July 31, 7.30pm
WHERE: Indigo XP, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Find Your Match

Discover your perfect match at Anonymously Yours, a blind dating event for 18-30-year-olds, filled with excitement, mystery, and shared interests.

WHEN: July 30, 7.30pm
WHERE: Hemavathi Park, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Creative Fun

Learn to paint a tote bag using acrylics and create a beautiful, everyday tote to take home.

WHEN: July 29, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sing Along

Sing your heart out, enjoy delicious food and have a fantastic time with friends at this Karaoke night.

WHEN: July 31, 9pm
WHERE: Hard Rock Café, Ashok Nagar
CALL: 80412 42222

Classical Evening

Experience an enchanting evening of Hindustani Raagdhaari Sangeet with a mesmerising vocal recital by Vidushi **Medha Basu** and a spellbinding sitar performance by Pandit Partha Chatterjee!

WHEN: August 3, 6pm
WHERE: Canara Union, Malleswaram
CALL: 98442 73223

ARTCORNER

A COLOUR BURST

Taken from Tejinder Kanda's current series, In-Within, this artwork showcases his mastery of the abstract form, utilising impasto techniques and a vibrant palette of acrylics

SUIT UP FOR MONSOON

Essential tips to ensure your car is ready for whatever the rainy season throws your way

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

With the climate becoming increasingly unpredictable, sudden and intense downpours are a common occurrence. Driving in these conditions can be challenging and even hazardous if your vehicle isn't properly prepared. Here are some essential tips to make your car monsoon-ready.

Precautions for vehicles in monsoon season

- **Check the wipers:** Old or damaged wiper blades need to be inspected and replaced to ensure clear visibility during heavy rains. Wipers play a crucial role in giving a clear view of the road. You can replace either the rubber part of the blade or the entire wiper.
- **Check the lights and glass:** Ensure all headlights, tail lights, brake lights and turn indicators are functioning properly to improve visibility for yourself and other drivers. Clean the windshield and windows thoroughly. Use defoggers and air conditioning to keep the windshield and windows clear of fog.
- **Check the tyres:** Ensure all tyres have adequate tread depth to provide proper grip on wet roads. Replace worn-out tyres and maintain the correct pressure in all tyres, including the spare.
- **Check the brakes:** Wet conditions can affect braking performance, so it's crucial to have the brakes in top condition. If the brakes don't perform as expected, get them checked and replace any worn-out parts or fluid. Avoid sudden braking on wet roads.
- **Check the battery condition:** Rains increase the use of lights, wipers, and air conditioning, which can strain the battery. Ensure it is in good condition to avoid breakdowns.

- **Avoid overspeeding:** Reduce speed during rain to maintain better control of your vehicle. Reduced speed allows more time to react to road conditions and other vehicles.
- **Avoid waterlogged areas:** Water can damage the engine and electrical components. Avoid waterlogged roads and deep puddles.
- **Beware of aquaplaning:** When a layer of water builds up between the tyre and the road surface, it's called aquaplaning, resulting in a loss of traction and control. This typically happens when you enter a waterlogged area at high speed. Avoid accelerating or panic-braking. Steer and brake gently. Proper tyre tread depth and air pressure make manoeuvring easier.

If possible, avoid driving during heavy downpours. Planning your journey around the weather is a safer option.

Electric cars and rain

Many people worry about driving and charging electric cars in the rainy season. Electric cars are designed to withstand normal weather conditions, including rain. There's no need to fear driving an electric car on a rainy day – it's just like any petrol or diesel car.

The chargers are weather-proof, but a few precautions can offer additional peace of mind. Ensure the charging gun and the vehicle's receiver (charging socket) are dry at the time of connection to avoid malfunctions. Make sure your hands are dry and you're not standing in water. Wearing protective gear like rubber gloves and boots can help.

Your EV will be fine plugged into a charger while parked in a public charging spot. However, avoid parking in areas expected to have storms. Also, avoid using charging stations that are damp or have defects in the protective casing.

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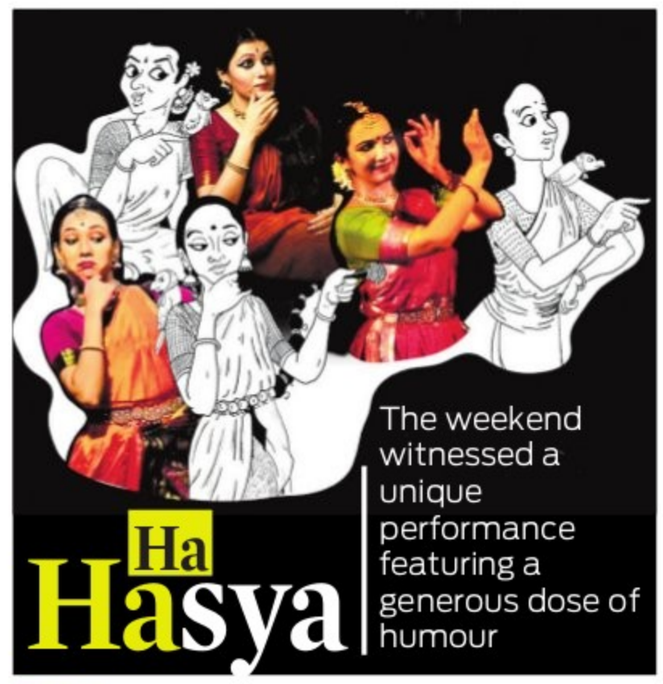
XPRESS HIGHWAY
FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR



Rasa

MONIKA MONALISA

HUMOUR in classical dance is not common but an entire dance routine based on humour is probably new. Recently, Stand-up Natyam, a show conceptualised by Kavya Ganesh with performances by dancers Shruti Gopal, Shubhamani Chandrashekar, and Indu Venu, had the audience in splits during their Bharatanatyam performance.

"We've always had humour in Bharatanatyam in some form or the other, and it's been each dancer's prerogative of how much to use it. Some use it more than others, but you never get an opportunity to completely base an entire show around just humour," Gopal says.

As fun as it sounds, putting together such a show can be quite challenging – only because it's much easier to make people emotional since the dancers are trained in that aspect. "You know how to emote enough to make people feel something in terms of bhakti and karuna. But with humour, it either works or it doesn't. Humour eases difficult subjects," adds Gopal.

However, the dancers took it upon themselves to make it happen. "We needed to put ourselves out there to see what happens. Such shows bring in a completely different set of audiences. One doesn't need to know the nuances of Bharatanatyam to understand what's happening on stage. We kept a lot of things contemporary to today's conversations to ensure people understand what is happening," she says.

The performance included a short improv section to involve the audience. The idea struck Gopal when she performed a five-minute humorous piece. "Kavya had watched that particular piece. So at that point, I had a conversation about humour in dance. Incidentally, Indu had started a whole humour series online," says Gopal, adding that all the dancers have dealt with humour in a small way but it was the first time they used it for an entire show.

NUGGETS

Fine-dining restaurant offers a five-foot dosa

Ishtaa, a fine-dining vegetarian restaurant, is offering a five feet dosa. Accompanied by eight authentic chutneys from generational Telugu kitchens, this dish promises to capture the traditional flavours of Telugu cuisine. For reservations, contact 96069 77081.

NEW RELEASES

XIAOMI UNVEILS SU7 EV, ITS FIRST LUXURY SPORTS SEDAN

Xiaomi marked its 10th anniversary in India by showcasing the Xiaomi SU7 EV, its first luxury sports sedan. The SU7 promises to push the boundaries in performance and ecosystem integration. With a massive investment and a global team of over 3,400 engineers and 1,000 technical experts, it promises to redefine the EV industry. The Xiaomi SU7 Max, featured in India, delivers 673 PS of power and a maximum range of 800 km on a single charge. With 838 NM of torque, it accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 2.78 seconds and reaches a top speed of 265 km/h. The SU7's design epitomises luxury with its ergonomically crafted design, golden ratio proportions, and meticulously crafted interior. The steering wheel, seats, instrument panel, and HUD are symmetrically aligned around the central axis, ensuring precision and comfort.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS **CLASSIFIEDS**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **APARNA M SRIDHAR**, aged about 50years, daughter of Cdr.M.Nirmal, Residing at Flat No. A-102, First floor, A Block, Krishna Gardenia Apartments, Raghuvanahalli, KANAKAPURA Main Road, Bangalore-560062. Have Changed my daughter's name from **PRAKRUTHI CHARI to AMARI ASMI M** , for all purposes Vide affidavit dated 26th July 2024 sworn before Notary and advocate H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Pula Mani aged about 24 years, W/o Pula Narasimhamurthi, residing at No-3-56, Peddannapalli, Budili, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh-515241, have changed my name from **Kalla Mani** to **Pula Mani,** vide affidavit dated 27/7/2024 sworn to before S R Ravikumar advocate and notary Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I EDI PAPAYYA dependent of Edi Madhava Rao resident of Rattakanna(Vill) Ichchapuram (Man), Srikakulam (Dist), Andhra Pradesh, Pin 532312 have changed by name from **EDI PAPAYYA** to **EEDI PAPAYYA** vide affidavit dated 26/06/2024, sworn before Bhagawan Das regd 3913.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) CHOUGULE RUPALI ANANDA residing at Qtr No.175/7 NC(E) Quarters, CHAFB, AGRAM Post Bangalore 560007, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) CHOUGULE RUPALI ANANDA** to **(NEW NAME) RUPALI CHANDRAKANT ARADE** vide affidavit dated 26.07.2024 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **AKSHAN KARUNAKAR SHETTY** S/o Karunakar S Shetty, age 24 years, permanent R/o B-1004, Videocon Tower, Near Gokul Hospital, Thakur Complex, Kandivali East, Mumbai-400 101, presently R/at No. 105, Cypress Block, Raheja Residency, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560 034 do hereby declare that surnames i.e. **KARUNAKAR** and **JYOTHI** both belonging to me only and the surname Karunakar's is from my father's side and surname Jyothi is from mother's side, henceforth I shall be known and called as AKSHAN KARUNAKAR SHETTY for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-07-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **THOMAS MANJUNATH**, residing at #2/82, 1st Floor, VST Road, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru-560084, declare that both names **THOMAS MANJUNATH** and **THOMAS M** refers / pertains to me and the same person i.e. myself - father of **ANNA JENNIFER T,** vide affidavit dated 25/07/2024 before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MARY FATIMA JACINTHA** W/o Anthony, aged 63 years, R/o No. 35, 8th Main, 14th F Cross, T C Palya Main Road, Hoysala Nagar, Ramamurthynagar, Doorvaninagar, Bengaluru-560 016 have changed my name to **ANTHONY FATHI MARY JESINTHA**, vide affidavit dated 27/07/2024 before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMT. ROOHINA**, W/o S.M.Nagaraja, aged about 28 years, R/at : Venkatappa Building No.501, 2nd Floor, Yalahanka Main Road, Dasarahalli, Bengalore-24.
I have changed my name from " **ROOHINA** " to " **ROHINI**" vide affidavit dated **12-08-2012** sworn before **R.S.Vijaya,** Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mahesh R.**, S/o. Ramaiah B, Aged about 49 years, presently residing at No. 1296, "Sri Sai Apartment", Flat No. 201, 202, 2nd Floor, 12th 'B' Cross, 8th Main Road, Near MLA Office, WOC Road, 2nd Stage, Nagapura Ward, Bengaluru-560086, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Mahesha R.** to **MAHESH R.** vide affidavit dated 27.07.2024 sworn to before Srinivas, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAVITA SATISH DODEJA, Resident of Flat No. C3-1008, L & T South City, Arekere Mico Layout, 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru -560076, Karnataka, have changed my name to RIDDHI SIDDHARTH RUCHWANI vide affidavit dated: 27.07.2024 before Notary K.V. MANI, Bengaluru.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I EDI SAVITHRI dependent of Edi Madhava Rao resident of Rattakanna(Vill) Ichchapuram (Man), Srikakulam (Dist), Andhra Pradesh, Pin 532312 have changed by name from **EDI SAVITHRI** to **EEDI SAVITHRI** vide affidavit dated 26/06/2024, sworn before Bhagawan Das regd 3913.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AZHARULLA KHAN KHALANDER** Holder Passport No: N1118306 R/at No.9/1, Pran Jyothi Road, Stephens Road Cross, Frazer Town, Bengaluru- 560005 have changed my minor child name from **RANIYA KHAN** to **RANIA KHAN** vide affidavit dated: 27/7/2024 Before Notary **B.V.Nagabhushana** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIHAAN .G.S**, s/o Sri G.A. Shankar & Smt. M. Bhagyalakshmi, age 26 years, R/o NO. 1698, Cottonpete, Gudibande Town, Dist: Chikkaballapur-561 209 do hereby declare that my correct name is **VIHAAN .G.S** but in my birth certificate and SSLC Marks Card my name is wrongly mentioned as **DILEEP .G.S**, now I have changed my name from **DILEEP .G.S** to **VIHAAN .G.S**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **VIHAAN .G.S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-7-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. SRINIVASA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **LAKSHMAN RAJU VULCHI** (new name) previously called **LAKSHMANAN VULCHI** (old name), aged about 45 years, S/o. Mr. Venkataraju Vulchi , resident of No. C-86, Sharini Apartment, Flat No: 201, 2nd Floor, Alfa Garden, Kodigehalli Main Road, K.R.Puram, Bangalore – 560 036, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my daughter's name from **LAKSHMANAN VULCHI** to **LAKSHMAN RAJU VULCHI** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public, **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 27.07.2024 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **UMESH CHITTARAGI & VANI S.K,** residing at #227, Prabhakar Reddy Building, Chowdeshwari Temple Road, Yamalur, Bengaluru-560037, have changed the name of our minor son from **OM** to **OM U CHITTARAGI**, vide affidavit dated 27/07/2024, sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAKSHMI .K**, W/o. Anand, aged about 32 years, resident of at No. 867, Chikkathirupathi Road, Thirumalashettihalli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru-560067, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **THOLISAMMA .K** to **LAKSHMI .K,** vide affidavit dated 23.07.2024, sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt ANITHA M**, aged about 40 years, W/o Naveen G S, residing at Adarsh Nilaya, 3rd Cross, Hoodi, Mahadevapura Post, Bangalore- 560048, I declare that, my correct name is **ANITHA M**, which the same was incorrectly mentioned in my Passport as **'ANITHA KUMARI M'** instead of **"ANITHA M"**. My correct name is mentioned in my Aadhaar card as **"ANITHA M"**. But my incorrect name which mentioned in my Passport as **'ANITHA KUMARI M'** is required to be corrected as **"ANITHA M"** hence, I am swearing to this affidavit to furnish the same before the passport authorities, to get rectify of my name from **'ANITHA KUMARI M'** to **"ANITHA M"**. vide affidavit dated: 25.07.2024 before advocate and notary C.V. Earappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KANCHANA DEV SARD, aged 66 years, W/o. Gowri Shankar Sarda, Resident of No. 10/1, South End Road, Sheshadri Puram, Bengaluru -560020, have changed my name to KANCHAN DEVI SARDA vide affidavit dated: 26.07.2024 before notary A. PRABHAKAR, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHARATH BAFNA** S/o Champalal Jain R/at #10/4, Kumara Krupa Road, Opp Chitrakala Parishat, Kumara Park, Bengaluru- 560001, here by I declare that **Bharath Kumar Champalal Jain, Bharath Kumar C Jain, Bharat Kumar, Bharath Jain, Bharath Kumar C, Bharat Kumar C**, all these Names Belongs to me only, Specimen Signature for all the names belongs to me, vide affidavit dated 01/07/02024 before notary V. Ranga Ramu, Bangalore.

Change of Name
We, Nagalakunta Penchala Reddy, S/o late Nagalakunta Penchala Reddy, **and Nagalakunta. Vijayamma**, W/o Nagalakunta Penchala Reddy, residing at Swathi Homes Indiravanam, 10th Main Road, Flat No.201, 2nd Floor, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthynagar, Doorvaninagar, Bengaluru-560016, Hereby declare that there is a spelling mistake in our Son's name that is **"Nagulagunta Sathvik Reddy"** and the correct name is **"Nagalakunta Sathvik Reddy"** and therefore, we request that our names also be updated accordingly in his Birth Certificate as **"Mr.Nagalakunta Penchala Reddy" & Mrs.Nagalakunta Vijayamma.** Vide Affidavit dated **25.07.2024** sworn before **S.Vijayakumar, Advocate & Notary**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **APSARA .G** D/o Ganesh, age 27 years, R/at NO. 24, Ajjappa Block, Dinnur, Benglauru North, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 082 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **APSARA GIREESHA** to **APSARA .G**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **APSARA .G** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27-07-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHWIN PRAKASH HAVANE SHENOY,** S/o Havanje Prakash Shenoy, residing at #TF10, TG Aabhushan, Vishwapriya Layout, Begur, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068, have changed my name to **ASHWIN PRAKASH SHENOY**, vide affidavit dated 27/07/2024, sworn before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SAMANA SUNIL ARABATTI** D/o Sri Sunil Arabatti and Smt. Sridevi Arabatti, age 18 years R/at No. 73, 75, 3rd Cross, Gurudatta Layout, Hosakerehalli, Bengaluru South, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 085, do hereby declare that in all my records, my name is entered as **SAMANA**, now I have added my surname and henceforth I shall be known and called as **SAMANA SUNIL ARABATTI**, vide affidavit dated 26th July 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C.V. EARAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Rashmi Kakhandaki**, resident of No. M1-201, Godrej Eternity Apartment, Holiday Village Road, Mallasandra, Off Kanakapura Road, Thalaghattapura PO, Bangalore - 560 062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Rashmi Pralhadacharya Kakhandaki** to **Rashmi Kakhandaki** vide affidavit dated 27.7.2024 sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sanjeev Shankar Navalgi S/o. Shankar B Navalgi, #21/2 1st 'D' Main 6th Cross Shivanagar Rajajinagar Bangalore North Karnataka, hereby declare that My Sons name has been Changed & Corrected from Sanket to Sanket Sanjeev Navalgi vide affidavit dated 27-07-2024, sworn before XXXII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore City

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FAMILY DRAMA

Director: Akarsh HP

Cast: Abhay, Sindhu Sreenivasa Murthy, Poornachandra Mysore, Ananya Amar, Rekha Kudligi, Aashith, Mahadev Hadapad, Malathesha, Veeresh, Arun Murthy, Suraj Ravikiran

A beautiful blend of light, dark, humour, pathos, love, and crime

A SHARADHAA

IN the crucible of family life, disparate elements of warmth and dysfunction, humour and desperation, collide. In his directorial debut, Akarsh HP plunges us into this volatile mix, set against the everyday backdrop of a middle-class family. As we navigate the complex web of relationships, we're forced to confront a profound question: can we find solace in the fleeting moments of joy, or will the undertow of hardship define us? This cinematic exploration promises to be a nuanced, unflinching examination of the human experience.

It is all in the family with Abhay (Abhay), a young accountant embroiled in a clandestine relationship with criminals, balancing the precarious line between love and danger with his girlfriend Shruti (Ananya Amar). Their relationship, fraught with tension and secrecy, sets the tone for the tumultuous journey of the entire family.

Divya (Sindhu Sreenivasa Murthy), Abhay's sister, battles societal prejudices due to her lack of English proficiency, and she resorts to bribery in her desperate quest for employment. Her struggles resonate with the harsh realities that many face in similar situations, adding a layer of social commentary amidst the dark humour. At the top of all in the family lies Lakshmi (Rekha Kudligi), the mother with dreams of entrepreneurial success, who navigates the murky waters of loan brokering for women. Her character embodies resilience and ambition, albeit in morally ambiguous pursuits, highlighting the lengths one might go to achieve their dreams in an unforgiving world.

Prasanna (Mahadev Hadapad), anchors the narrative with a poignant portrayal of the alcoholic patriarch of the family, a man trying to hold his fractured family together. His sudden demise sets off a chain of events that unravels long-hidden secrets, including the shocking revelation of a contract to eliminate a notorious gangster, Prakasha (Poornachandra Mysore), which brings in the crime angle. Who will take up the contract to eliminate Prakasha, and will they succeed?

RATING 3/5

Akarsh's direction deftly navigates the complex intersection of familial bonds and criminal intrigue, crafting a narrative that is both darkly humorous and poignantly dramatic. The narrative blends the gritty realism of everyday life with the intimate struggles of a family teetering on the brink of collapse. Siddharth Sunil's evocative cinematography immerses the audience in the unvarnished truth of existence, while Chethan Ammaiah's haunting melodies punctuate the emotional landscape with depth and nuance.

The screenplay oscillates between moments of laughter and introspection with ease. The three lead actors—Abhay, Sindhu, and Rekha—engage in a delightful game of one-upmanship, each trying to outdo the others in their performances. The supporting cast, including Mahadev Hadapad, Poornachandra Mysore, and Ashith who plays Toby, Suraj Kiran as Joseph Joji add depth and complexity to the narrative.

On the one hand, *Family Drama* is a hilarious and entertaining ride, full of scenarios and lovable characters that will have you in stitches. On the other hand, it emerges as a compelling exploration of human frailty and resilience, challenging societal norms and delivering a gripping narrative that lingers long after the credits roll.

It is also a reminder that life is a beautiful mess of contradictions—a delicate balance of light and dark, humour and pathos, and love and strife. It is a reflection of the human spirit's capacity to find joy in the mundane, to laugh in the face of adversity, and to persevere in the midst of chaos. As the curtain falls, we are left with a sense of hope and renewal—a reminder that even in the darkest times, there is always a glimmer of light to guide us forward and offering laughter amidst difficulties.

The film, directed by Krishna, also featured Ravichandran and marked the debut of Amala Paul in Kannada

Sudeep's *Hebbuli* to re-release in theatres this week

Sudeep

CE FEATURES

ANTICIPATION for Kichcha Sudeep's multi-lingual actioner *Max* is reaching fever pitch as the film gears up for an August or September release. To further delight fans, the actor's earlier blockbuster *Hebbuli* is set for a grand re-release on August 2nd. Directed by Krishna and produced by SRV Productions and Umapathy Films, the action-packed drama marked the debut of Amala Paul and featured a pivotal role by Crazy Star V Ravichandran.

Originally released in 2017, *Hebbuli* sees Sudeep in the role of a paramilitary commando on a vengeful mission after his brother's murder. The film's re-release on August 2nd is sure to excite fans of Sudeep. Distributed by Surya Films, *Hebbuli* is set for a grand re-release, with a particular focus on major Bengaluru theaters

A still from the film

YOGI TAKES ON A SPECIAL ROLE IN INDRAJIT LANKESH'S *GOWRI*

The film, starring Indrajit Lankesh's son Samarjit, is set for an Independence Day release

Yogi and Indrajit Lankesh

A SHARADHAA

FILMMAKER Indrajit Lankesh is set to unveil his son Samarjit alongside Sanya Iyer in the upcoming film *Gowri*. While the director has maintained tight-lipped about the main cast, we have confirmed that popular Sidlingu actor Yogesh, popularly referred to as Yogi, will be making a special appearance in the film. A recent photo featuring Indrajit and Yogi has sparked speculation about the actor's role, though details remain under wraps. *Gowri* is slated for an Independence Day release.

Inspired by true events and named after director Indrajit Lankesh's elder sister, *Gowri* boasts a stellar ensemble cast including Sweezal and Chandu Gowda in pivotal roles. The film's music, featuring chart-toppers like 'Time Barutte,' 'Dhool Abesava,' and 'Muddada,' is composed by Jassie Gift and Chandan Shetty. The film's cinematography is handled by AJ Shetty.

Meanwhile, Yogi is actively engaged in multiple projects including Sidlingu 2, *Rosy, Parimala Lodge, Aadidde Aata* and another film which will mark his Tamil debut.

Singer Naveen Sajju turns hero with *Lo Naveena*

CE FEATURES

SINGER Naveen Sajju, known for his distinctive voice and singing style, has captured the hearts of Kannada cinema fans and movie lovers since *Lucia*. He is now stepping into acting and will make his debut as a hero. Various stars from the Kannada film industry have shown their support for Naveen's new venture. More than 100 actors from Kannada cinema and television have extended their best wishes to Naveen for his debut film *Lo Naveena* on social media.

Lo Naveena is a rural-themed film, and Naveen himself has composed its music. Dhanaurdaari Pavan is handling the action sequences, and the film features three cinematographers. Akshatha Pandavapura and Prasanna Sagar, known for *Bigg Boss*, have designed the costumes for the film.

The film is produced under the NS Naveen Sajju Studio banner, with investment from Virginia-based NRI Keerthi Swamy. It will be filmed in Mysuru, Mandya, and Bengaluru, with the cast and crew finalised, though a new heroine is yet to be introduced. Naveen's other film Mansion House Muttu, directed by Kumar, is set for release. In addition, he has acted in the Colors Kannada serial Chukki.

Naveen Sajju

Hejjaru's success sparks interest in Tamil remake

CE FEATURES

HEJJARU, which hit theatres on July 19th, has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm from audiences, leaving its makers elated. Producer Ramji, a seasoned television producer, has successfully transitioned to the silver screen, marking a quiet yet impactful debut production venture. This achievement is being hailed as a game-changer, inspiring a new wave of innovative filmmaking.

Hejjaru has introduced the film industry to new talent, director Harsha Priya and lead actor Bhagat Alva. Their combined appeal, complemented by strong performances from Shwetha D'Souza, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, and Naveen Krishna, has resonated with both critics and audiences. The director expressed pride in *Hejjaru* being Kannada cinema's first parallel story, noting the film's impressive 85% occupancy rate as a testament to its appeal and a positive sign for experimental filmmaking.

Ramji and Harsha Priya

Harsha Priya has also shared that a leading Tamil production house has expressed interest in remaking *Hejjaru*, with preliminary discussions already in place. Additionally, plans for a sequel to the film are currently under consideration. "Audiences have been requesting a sequel for *Hejjaru*, convinced the story has more to tell. While we explore potential collaborations for future projects, our primary focus remains on ensuring *Hejjaru* continues to shine," said Harsha Priya.

Hejjaru featured music by Poornachandra Tejaswi and cinematography by Amar Gowda.

Powder has a new release date

CE FEATURES

The upcoming comedy drama *Powder*, directed by Janardhan Chikkanna and starring Diganth, Sharmiela Mandre, and Dhanya Ramkumar, was initially slated for a July 14 release before getting pushed back to August 15.

However, the film has a new release date: August 23. Meanwhile, following the success of its first song, 'Mission Gama Gama,' the makers have released the film's second track, 'Parapancha Gama Gama'. The peppy track, sung by Anthony Dassan and composed by Vasuki Vaibhav, has a lively folk rhythm. *Powder* tracks the escapades of a group of struggling young adults who devise a scheme to strike it rich swiftly. Despite their grand ambitions, their plans are repeatedly foiled by a series of adversaries and ambivalent allies they encounter on their journey.

The film also marks the first collaboration between KRG Studios and TVF Motion Pictures. It is produced by Karthik Gowda, Yogi G Raj, Vijay Subramaniam, and Arunabh Kumar. The cast also includes Anirudh Acharya, Rangayana Raghu, Gopalakrishna Deshpande, and Dr Nagabhushan in key roles.